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Hillier speaks out on Afghanistan, politicians

MILITARY Former chief of defence staff Gen. Rick Hillier, in an interview for his new book, delivered some plain-spoken advice on Canada's role in Afghanistan. The soldier also left no confusion as to how he feels about the rhetoric of politicians.

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Sens push it to the end

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Mike Fisher of the Ottawa Senators tries to deke around Ryan Suter of the Nashville Predators during their game Thursday night at Scotiabank Place. The Sens scored five goals in the third period to go into overtime, but lost 6-5. **Coverage, page 14.**

Glebe biz safe: Report

Lansdowne group study finds area 'under stored' in retail

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Businesses in the Glebe are doing so well that they would barely notice when the extra 300,000 square feet of commercial space opens up at Lansdowne Park, insists a report released by the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group.

"There's certainly more than ample demand to support the amount of retail that's proposed at Lansdowne," said report author James Tate. "There will be an impact on the sales … but these stores are not at risk of closure. They are not at risk of not performing well or not staying in the marketplace."

Tate insists that sales in non-food stores will increase in the Glebe due to the additional foot traffic.

The study examined the impact of those additions to an area bounded on the north, south and east by the Ottawa and Rideau Rivers and by Bronson Avenue to the west.

Tate found that the five supermarkets within that area were earning an average of 50 per cent more than the industry average.

The non-food stores in the Glebe, he said, were averaging 50 per cent earning more than other stores in the study zone.

With a retail vacancy rate of 1.8 per cent in the Glebe, Tate said the area is severely "under stored." A healthy commercial area has a vacancy rate between five and seven per cent.

The complete report conducted by Tate Economic Research Inc. was made available Thursday on the Lansdownelive.ca website.

The proposed space consists of a cinema, a 41,000-square-foot supermarket, 160,000-square feet of boutique-style shops and 52,000-square feet of commercial services.

There will be no big box stores at Lansdowne, insists OSEG partner, and president of Trinity Developments John Ruddy.

Minto chairman and CEO Roger Greenberg said the shops moving into the Lansdowne retail space would be national chain stores, but those that do not already have a presence in the area.

BIA concerns

- Glebe BIA executive director Catherine Lindquist said they were concerned with the credibility and objectivity of the findings of the OSEG analysis since their conclusions were drawn from an initial analysis that she considered flawed.

Drivers' handheld devices ban hits Monday

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SAFETY Two seconds spent looking at a map or dialing a phone number while driving doubles a driver's odds of being in a collision, according to Ottawa police Supt. Charles Bordeleau.

Starting Monday, a new provincial law makes it illegal for drivers to use handheld electronic devices while operating a vehicle.

When the new law is in place, drivers using any handheld device can face fines of up to $500. Police can also charge drivers with careless driving, which includes six demerit points on their licence or a two-year driving suspension.

"Enforcement is an important part of the total safety on the road," Bordeleau said Thursday.

Until Feb. 1, police will be focusing on driver education and awareness by handing out information cards explaining the new law.

To coincide with the new law, the city is launching a campaign titled Distractions Impair! Driving Requires Your Full Attention through its Integrated Road Safety Program.

"Most people would never drink and drive, but they may perform distracting activities that could lead to the same impairments as driving under the influence of alcohol," said River Ward Coun. Maria McRae, chair of the city's transportation committee.

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COLLISION A 56-year-old male suffered serious head injuries after being struck by a delivery truck on Merivale Road near Kirkwood Avenue Thursday morning. Ottawa paramedics responded to the call at 7:47 a.m. and found a pedestrian unconscious from a head injury. He also suffered a laceration to the head and an injury to his hip. The man regained consciousness en route to hospital, where he is in stable condition.

FATALITY Ottawa police have released the name of the 18-year-old Ottawa driver who was killed after his vehicle struck a tree on Kerwin Road Wednesday morning. Dale Cameron Harvey succumbed to life-threatening head injuries at the scene of the collision, which happened at around 7:45 a.m. The investigation is ongoing.

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City Hall **Mayor's Halloween bash**

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Designer Sarah Waghorn arranges props at city hall Thursday in preparation for the mayor's third annual Halloween party this weekend. Saturday's party, held 5:30-8:30 p.m., is themed mad scientist dungeon and will have guests trick-or-treating through the Heritage Building on Elgin Street toward Jean Pigott Place. Donations of non-perishable baby food, formula, diapers and wipes in support of the Ottawa Food Bank's Baby Supply Cupboard are welcome.

'Staying the course'

Emergency services get big boost in budget

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Growing the city's emergency services, including expanding paramedic, fire and bylaw staffing, is the biggest expenditure in what community and protective services committee chair Diane Deans calls "a stay-the-course budget."

The committee unveiled the community and protective services draft budget Thursday. While the net increase for the $975-million budget — which makes up 47 per cent of the city's budget — is 1.2 per cent, the tax rate impact is 0.5 per cent, said Steve Kanellakos, deputy city manager of city operations.

"There's no big spending," said Deans. "This is all about staying the course and providing the services and programs that our community needs and wants in as cost-effective a manner as possible.

"It does not recommend any significant reductions in programs and services ... That means that public health, social housing, child care, employment and financial assistance, long-term care, arts and culture, parks and recreation — all of those programs are basically staying the course," she said.

The biggest increases come in the form of 63 new paramedics and 20 new firefighters for the new west-end station and seven new bylaw officers.

The aging population has grown the demand for paramedic services, she said. After looking at what was putting pressure on the paramedic service, Deans said "we realized that we were not funding the service to keep up with the demand."

"In emergency service, every minute is lives," she said. "This is not an area to be trifled with and we felt our responsibility was to recommend that we fund this area because of its essential nature."

Most of the increases in this budget are a reflection of inflation or cost-of-living increases, said Kanellakos.

The community and protective services draft budget will be tabled and debated at the committee meeting next Thursday.

On Nov. 17, the audit budget and finance committee will receive all the budgets from all the committees and get a fuller picture of what the 2010 budget will look like, said city treasurer Marian Simulik.

Union urges city, province to keep child-care spaces

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DAYCARE When Vicky Smallman found out she was expecting her second child, she put her baby-to-be on Ottawa's lengthy waiting list for public child care.

"Before she had a name, she was on a list," the Ottawa resident said Thursday.

Now five months old, Smallman's daughter, Audrey, and her son Gordon, 3, still have yet to score child-care spaces. Although Smallman would prefer to put her children into a licensed daycare, the family is one of the luckier ones, as Smallman worked with other parents she knew to organize a co-operative daycare.

Members of a local union are asking the city and the province to work together to keep Ottawa's much-needed child-care spaces from disappearing.

"We're asking the city of Ottawa to maintain all child-care spaces, said David Robbins, education officer with CUPE Local 2204.

"The city can't balance its budget at the expense of the most vulnerable."
Vicky Smallman, mom

"It's good for the kids, good for families and good for the economy," he said.

In Ottawa, there are between 5,000 and 6,000 children waiting for child-care spaces.

"I'm really hoping the city will not be so short-sighted as to compromise the spaces we do have," Smallman said. "We want more, not less. The city can't balance its budget at the expense of the most vulnerable."

Investing in soft infrastructure like child care has the same economic impact as investing in hard infrastructure, said economist David Macdonald.

Help cancer research by staying in

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WOMEN The Canadian Cancer Society is giving women a good excuse to have "the girls" over and have some fun while raising money for a good cause at the same time.

The Girls Night In campaign allows women to host events in their homes that raise money for research into cancers that affect women.

"So they invite all of their girlfriends over for an evening and they would basically donate the money that they would have spent at a movie or out for dinner to the Canadian Cancer Society," said Christina Danielewski, fundraising co-ordinator for the Canadian Cancer Society in Ottawa.

Women can register their own event at girlsnightinforcancer.ca.

The events can happen anytime, anywhere, but the Ottawa launch of the campaign is happening on Nov. 4 with a sing-along to the Mamma Mia movie at the Centurion Conference Centre.

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It's all downhill from here on in

Ottawa ski show rings in the season

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With the first snowfall still weeks away, area ski enthusiasts are getting ready to upgrade their gear, learn about the latest trends on the hills and get advice from industry experts.

From Friday through Sunday, more than 10,000 people will do just that at the Ottawa Ski Show at Lansdowne Park.

According to show manager Steve Caron, it's not as early as it seems.

"People are getting organized and the first skiing will start in early December," he said.

The National Capital Region is a "phenomenal area for skiing," said Caron. As a result, "we have a pretty sophisticated ski market.

"There are so many hills that are close to the city. Most people here do most of their skiing on local hills, and then plan a week away in the U.S., or Quebec City or the Laurentians. But all of the local hills are very popular and offer very good skiing. I've skied them all and they are all very good quality."

Even with a crowd that can be tough to impress, the free show — which this year features over 100 exhibitors in the ski and snowboard industry — has been drawing enthusiasts from all over eastern Ontario since 1987.

About six or seven years ago, the popularity of snowboarding took over skiing, but with the development of new skis in the last few years, skiing has regained its popularity, Caron said.

Attendees can watch current ski movies at the ski theatre, check out area ski clubs and shop the popular new and used ski sale.

"Anyone who is looking for affordable equipment will find it here," Caron said. "Retailers come to the show with last year's (equipment) and they're selling it off at big discounts. And people looking to upgrade their equipment can get rid of their old stuff for a small consignment fee."

Man sought in pharmacy robbery

SUSPECT Ottawa police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying a suspect after a pharmacy was robbed earlier this month.

Police said at 7:10 p.m. on Oct. 9, a man entered a Jean Coutu pharmacy on St. Joseph Blvd. in Orleans. A note was passed at the pharmacy counter making a demand for prescription drugs.

The suspect fled with an undisclosed amount of prescription drugs. There were no injuries.

Police are now seeking a black male, approximately 19-20 years old, five feet five inches tall with a thin build.

He spoke English with a slight accent.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 613-236-1222, ext. 5116 or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS).

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News in brief

ANIMAL CRIME An Orleans man faces multiple charges of animal cruelty after the Ottawa Humane Society investigated cases of neglect involving 10 dogs and one cat. The OHS said Thursday that it charged a 29-year-old man with failing to meet the standards of care for animals in his possession. In August, Ottawa police and OHS were called to a home, where they removed 10 dogs, including four adult pit bull-type dogs, four puppies, and two adult Rottweiler-type dogs, and an adult cat, which was found housed in a downstairs bathroom with an overflowing litter pan and no access to water. Mahamed Tariq Hassain appears in court on Nov. 12.

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N.B. kicks off immunization program

New Brunswick took the lead on the rollout of the swine flu immunization program Wednesday when it began giving shots to some health-care workers assigned to administer the vaccination to the public. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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PM's no fan of Canadian news

What to make of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's declaration that he doesn't watch Canadian news? This is what Harper told a Toronto business audience Wednesday: "I watched the last several elections in the United States very closely. The fact that I tend to watch mainly American news, because I, I, I don't like to watch Canadian news and hear what Allan (Gregg, a pollster and CBC pundit who was in the audience) and everybody else is saying about me, so my hobby is to watch politics elsewhere." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

B.C. seeks answer on polygamy

SUPREME COURT The B.C. government will ask the B.C. Supreme Court to weigh in on the country's polygamy laws.

B.C. Attorney General Mike de Jong says Canadians and the justice system need clarity about whether the federal law barring multiple marriages is constitutional. The government has decided to seek the B.C. Supreme Court opinion rather than appeal an earlier court ruling that quashed polygamy charges against the leaders of a polygamous sect.

Earlier this year the attorney general's ministry announced the charges against Winston Blackmore and James Oler. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto **PETA power**

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Canadian starlet and animal rights activist Pamela Anderson put her star power to work hosting an intimate and exclusive gathering Thursday in support of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) at the trendy Ultra club in Toronto.

Pulling troops won't end war: Top soldier

Don't trust government's lies, says Gen. Hillier

Pulling Canadian soldiers from Afghanistan in 2011 will leave a gaping hole in security efforts and won't necessarily ensure the end of combat operations, former chief of defence staff Gen. Rick Hillier says.

As MPs prepare to debate the future of the country's military mission in Afghanistan, Hillier delivered some plain-spoken advice in an interview: don't trust the twisted rhetoric and outright lies that will surely be delivered by the Conservative government or opposition parties.

There will still be a need for security and counter-insurgency operations when Canada's current mandate expires in 2011, he said. If experienced Canadian troops leave Kanadhar, some other nation, likely less familiar with the local terrain and power brokers, will have to do the job.

Hillier also said there's no need for Canadian troops, except in Kandahar or the northeast, and there's no way Canada can carry out a goodwill mission without encountering frequent violence.

"If you stay in the south and try to do something like training, you will still be in combat. I don't care what (political) staffers say in the media about how they can find a way to do it. You simply will not. You will be in combat," Hillier said during an interview for his new book, A Soldier First: Bullets, Bureaucrats and the Politics of War.

Living behind blast walls and trying to carry out aid and reconstruction projects are futile, and potentially dangerous in a country where NATO and insurgent forces are battling for the trust of the local population. "It would be like going to shore at Normandy on the sixth of June (1944) and driving around sightseeing and leaving the enemy the opportunity, flexibility and initiative to attack you when they want," Hillier said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Reprisal

- The Conservative government looked at the possibility of taking day-to-day control of the mission in Kandahar away from the military and giving the authority to direct troops in the field to Canada's ambassador.

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Language law struck down

EDUCATION Canada's top court struck down a Quebec language law limiting immigrants' access to English school in a politically charged decision that quickly reverberated throughout the province Thursday.

It only took minutes for the Quebec government to respond with a promise to replace the law.

The province's separatist opposition even questioned the legitimacy of the Supreme Court of Canada, asking how "a court named by another nation" could possibly be allowed to dictate language policy in the province of Quebec. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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SPENDING Ontarians must wait until the March budget to learn what sacrifices will have to be made as the Liberals cobble together a restraint plan to eliminate a record $24.7 billion deficit. Finance Minister Dwight Duncan delivered the ominous news in the fall economic statement Thursday, admitting he and Premier Dalton McGuinty have no idea yet how the government will tackle the problem. "We haven't even begun to look at the choices we'll make," Duncan told reporters following his address to the legislature. "Why rush?" added a senior finance official afterward, explaining the government is leery about slashing spending too soon and taking support out of the recovering economy at a delicate time. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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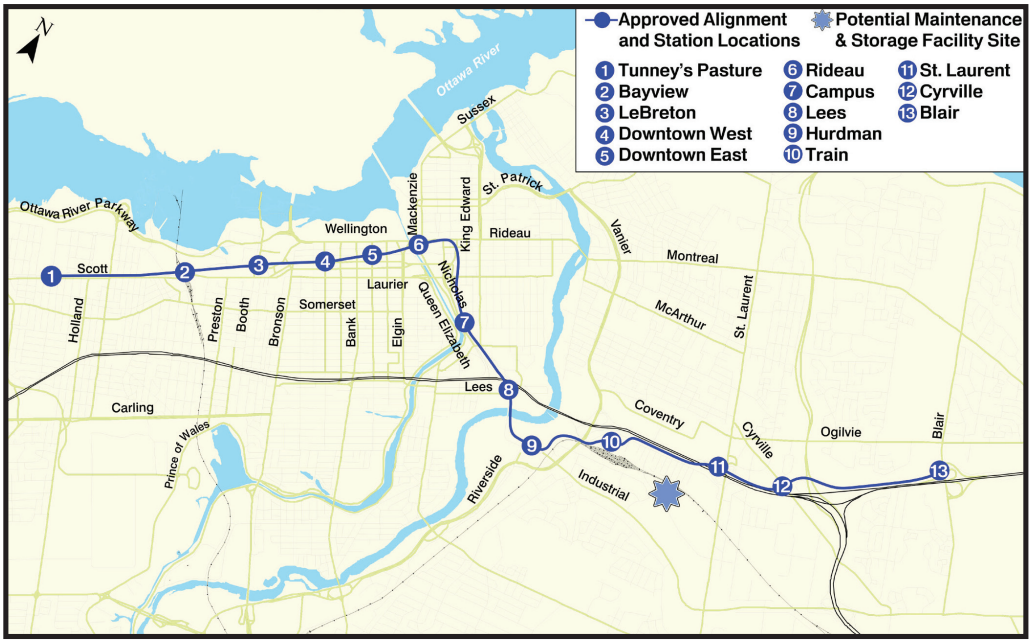
The City of Ottawa is undertaking planning and functional design for the DOTT that will result in the expansion and improvement of its downtown rapid transit network. This project is identified as a priority within the City's Transportation Master Plan Update, which recognized the need for a rapid transit facility fully separated from general traffic through Ottawa's downtown to accommodate existing and future transit ridership, while improving service reliability.



Previous open houses provided an overview of potential alignments and alternative station designs, as well as the Maintenance and Storage Facility needed to support operation of the new rapid transit line. In May, 2009 Ottawa City Council approved the recommended alignment and station locations. Since that time the project team has commenced functional design of the project to develop more details regarding the planning, design and construction and cost of all elements of the project.

The City has also carried out a study to determine the appropriate transit technology for the DOTT and future extensions to the City of Ottawa's rail rapid transit network. The findings and recommendations of this study will be presented as a part of this open house and presentation.

Your Input is Needed!
The open house and presentation will showcase the functional design work that has been completed for the DOTT project as well as the recommendations of the Transit Technology Choice Study. Your participation in this event, which will help shape the future of Ottawa, is important. The open house will run from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The presentation will begin at 7 p.m.

Project Information
Information on the DOTT project is available on the City's website at: ottawa.ca/tunnel. In addition, you can send comments by e-mail, regular mail or fax using the contact information provided below.

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The Project Environmental Assessment (EA) Phase will be initiated after completion of the Project Planning and Functional Design Phase. This will consist of a co-ordinated EA that meets the requirements of the new "Transit Project Assessment Process" (Ontario Regulation 231/08) under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (OEAA) and the requirements of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA).

Transgendered applicant rebuffed by the military

A 31-year-old transgendered applicant to the Canadian Forces has been told he cannot work for the military until he gets male genitals. He has already undergone two sex-change surgeries, but he can't afford the final $36,000 surgery unless he has a decent-paying job. He's filing a human rights complaint. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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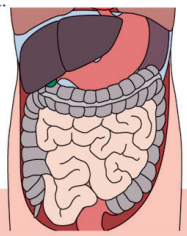

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Missionary facing sex rap

Authorities in the Dominican Republic have arrested a Canadian missionary on charges of sexually abusing teenage boys.

A report in the online edition of the Dominican newspaper Hoy says Joao Jose Correira Duarte is a Portuguese-born orphanage administrator.

He was arrested Tuesday at a hotel in the resort city of Puerto Plata.

The report says he faces 12 sexual assault charges relating to the alleged abuse of teenage boys in neighbouring Haiti.

Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs would only confirm a Canadian citizen has been arrested.

Rolando Rosado Mateo, national drug control agency chief in the Dominican, says Duarte began working in Haiti in 1995.

Authorities have arrested a number of men in recent years accused of taking advantage of the deep poverty in Haiti to abuse children.

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PROMOTION Some Toronto-area commuters were to be taken for a ride Friday by the Economic Action Plan express. The Tory government has spent more than $46,000 to turn two GO train cars into rolling adverts for its stimulus spending program. Liberal MP Kirsty Duncan said the government is "fixated" on promoting itself. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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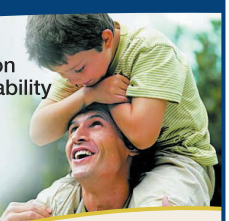

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Artifact may be world's earliest bill of rights

The British Museum says it will open negotiations with Iran over loaning them an ancient Babylonian artifact sometimes described as the world's earliest bill of rights. Spokeswoman Esme Wilson said that the museum was preparing to send a staffer to Tehran to discuss the Cyrus Cylinder, a 6th century B.C. artifact which carries an account by Cyrus, the king of Persia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Kidman: Hollywood not helping

Actress Nicole Kidman testified before a U.S. congressional panel on violence against women this week, conceding that Hollywood probably has contributed to the problem by portraying women as weak sex objects. Kidman testified before a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee that is considering legislation to deal with violence against women overseas through humanitarian relief efforts and grants to local organizations working on the problem. "I can't be responsible for all of Hollywood," Kidman said. "But I can certainly be responsible for my own career." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S., Canada differ on web law

INTERNET U.S. federal regulators have taken an important step toward prohibiting broadband providers from discriminating against certain kinds of Internet traffic, in a move that came just a day after Canadian regulators decided to allow the practice known as throttling. The CRTC announced Wednesday that it would continue to allow Canada's big telecommunications firms to restrict traffic on their Internet networks — but under new rules.

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London **Protesters breach BBC**

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Anti-fascist demonstrators chant outside the BBC studios Thursday, where whites-only British National Party Leader Nick Griffin appeared on a national TV show. About 25 protesters broke through police barricades and entered the building's lobby.

News in brief

FRANCE A French prosecutor says newly discovered traces of DNA could revive hope of solving the notorious 1984 slaying of a four-year-old boy. Gregory Villemin drowned 25 years ago in a river, his hands and feet bound with rope.

FAMINE Ethiopia said Thursday it needs emergency food aid for 6.2 million hungry people.

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Going after Berlusconi

More than 100,000 women have signed a petition saying they are offended by Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi — an initiative launched by a newspaper after the premier made a sexist remark to an opposition politician.

Berlusconi, already under fire for his dalliances with young women, made the jab during a call in to a late-night talk show Oct. 7 that featured, among other guests, Rosy Bindi, a 58-year-old former minister who dresses conservatively, wears glasses and has short, grey hair.

"You are always more beautiful than intelligent," Berlusconi told her.

She snapped back: "I'm not one of the women at your disposal."

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74 arrests in L.A. gang sweep
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A girl and her dog look out from a truck as they flee the military offensive in South Waziristan on Thursday.

Militants dig in

110,000 flee region as Pakistan continues offensive

Residents fleeing a six-day-old Pakistani army offensive in a Taliban stronghold along the Afghan border reported Thursday that the insurgents are digging in for a fight and travel the roads freely.

Tired and dusty refugees arriving in the northwestern town of Dera Ismail Khan from different parts of South Waziristan reported intense army bombing by jets and helicopters but said they had seen no ground troops.

The accounts by a dozen refugees to Associated Press reporters are a sign of just how much fighting remains before the military can even hope to clear the area, which in recent years has become a major global hub for al-Qaida and other extremist groups who carry out attacks against U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

Over the last 20 days, militants have killed more than 170 people in a series of suicide bombings and raids on targets across the country.

In the latest attack, suspected insurgents on a motorbike fatally shot a senior army officer and a soldier Thursday in the capital, Islamabad.

The United Nations says 110,000 people have fled South Waziristan in recent months as speculation rose of an army offensive, about 30,000 of them in the last few days. Most are staying with relatives or in rented homes in Dera Ismail Khan and nearby districts.

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Earthquake

- A magnitude 6.2 earthquake centred in the Hindu Kush mountains shook a wide area of eastern Afghanistan and Pakistan early Friday, swaying buildings in the Afghan and Pakistani capitals. There were no initial reports of damage or casualties from the quake, however it was centred in a remote area where communications are poor.

News in brief

AFGHANISTAN Election authorities began delivering ballots with UN assistance across Afghanistan on Thursday, as hurried preparations for the Nov. 7 runoff in the insurgency-plagued nation's presidential election got under way. International election monitors called on authorities to avert the widespread fraud that marred the first round of voting in August. Scores of election staff accused of misconduct have been axed, and new personnel need to be hired. President Hamid Karzai will face former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah in the runoff.

FLU A new poll suggests most Americans don't plan to get inoculated against the H1N1 flu even as the virus spreads across the U.S., hundreds of schools close and politicians on Capitol Hill fret about an inadequate supply of vaccine. The Washington Post/ABC News survey suggests many Americans are wary of the shot. About six in 10 said they have no plans to get vaccinated, and only 52 per cent of parents said they would get their children the vaccine.

ART The once ever-present but now nearly extinct telephone booth has popped up on a street corner in the southwest Ohio village of Yellow Springs. It's part of an unusual art project and a statement about private communications in the age of cellular phones. Beginning Saturday, people will be able to walk into the phone booth, pick up the receiver and listen to a recorded rendition of the Spoon River Anthology, a collection of short poems.

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Migrant ships caught

Australia stops 2 asylum-seeker boats in 24 hrs

Australian authorities have intercepted two boats of asylum seekers in less than 24 hours, prompting the opposition leader Thursday to accuse the government of a "catastrophic failure" to stop the influx of migrants.

The latest boat, with 32 people on board, was stopped early Thursday, seven nautical miles off an island near Indonesia, the Home Affairs Minister said in a statement.

A boat with 22 passengers and two crew was intercepted Wednesday afternoon near Ashmore Island, off northwestern Australia, an earlier statement said.

Passengers of both boats are being taken to the Christmas Island detention centre for health and security checks and to determine their reasons for travel.

35 The number of boats carrying about 1,700 asylum seekers that have arrived in Australia this year, mostly from Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran and Sri Lanka

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India PM: Development trumps climate change for poor nations

ENVIRONMENT Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said Thursday that the world's poor nations will not sacrifice their development in negotiations for a new climate change deal.

The issue of how to share the burden of fighting global warming has divided the developing and industrialized worlds as they prepare to negotiate a replacement to the 1997 Kyoto Protocol at a December summit in Copenhagen.

"Developing countries cannot and will not compromise on development," Singh told a conference on technology and climate change.

However, even poorer countries need to "do our bit to keep our emissions footprint within levels that are sustainable and equitable," he said.

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News in brief

CHURCH It is not yet known what part of the Anglicans' liturgy will be incorporated into Catholic worship under the surprise offer made earlier this week in a bold bid by Pope Benedict XVI to capitalize on divisions within the Anglican community over the proper role of women clergy and the acceptability of openly gay priests. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Comment

Hot and bothered over fake hymens

GlobalView

Proving one more time that when it comes to Muslim women, it's about headscarves and hymens — in other words, what's on our heads and what's between our legs — Egypt is hot and bothered over a Chinese device that fakes female virginity.

It's reportedly available in Syria for $15 but nobody knows if the gizmo called Gigimo is on sale in Egypt yet. Just the mere thought of a device, which is said to release liquid imitating blood, allowing a woman to fake virginity on her wedding night, has driven some conservatives crazy.

One Egyptian Muslim scholar even went so far as to say that people caught importing the virginity-faking device into the country should face the death penalty and the Muslim Brotherhood, the largest opposition bloc in parliament, want the kit banned on grounds it will encourage promiscuity.

The conservatives are not content that their ideology has put headscarves on the heads of 80 per cent of Egyptian women. Now it's the horror of uncertainty about that "good girl" they marry.

With all the troubles Egypt faces these days — spiralling cost of living, a president in power for 28 years whose son looks likely to succeed him, etc. — why all the fuss over hymens, real or fake?

Welcome to the hypocrisy and denial that together drum at the heart of conservative religious views on women and chastity. And in the case of Egypt, that conservatism applies equally to Muslims and Christians.

As a Muslim, I know the Qur'an preaches chastity for men and women, but the conservative obsession with women means only females are expected to abide by the prohibition on extra-marital sex. This obsession with virginity is shallow at best and deadly at worst.

And it's built on a lie — people in Egypt are having sex outside of marriage, as they do everywhere. Hymen reconstruction surgery was an option for sexually active women who could afford it. In less affluent and more rural areas, women have used body parts of animals for blood on the sheets. Now the Gigimo provides a cheaper, cleaner and non-surgical prop to maintain the lie that many men still want to believe.

Truth be told, it's unlikely Egyptian women will flock to the Gigimo. But it's been worth it just to watch male hysteria as the made-in-China hymens threatened to smash their virginity god.

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Views

The dreaded Z-word: Is Ottawa prepared?

UrbanCompass

If I waited until next Friday, you might mistake this column for some Halloween gimmick. The time has come to discuss a matter other urban affairs columnists won't touch: Zombies.

"No such thing" is a simplistic argument, and cold comfort should we find ourselves facing the significant security, health and sanitation challenges presented by an outbreak of the living dead.

For all we know, they're already here, arguing politics on the Internet or shambling out of government offices at 4 p.m. on the dot, much as they did in life.

Zombies are an urban issue, not the least because cities contain large, tightly packed populations of the potentially undead. As a metaphor, they embody the city dweller's fear of societal breakdown, contagion, and having one's brains eaten. And yet, the Z-word seems completely absent from the City of Ottawa Emergency Management Plan. We are on our own.

I know a surprising number of people, though, who have given the matter some thought, mapping out hiding places and escape routes, choosing weapons and supplies. It helps to have a plan.

Last year, the University of Chicago's Zombie Readiness Task Force managed to secure $5,000 in university funds to bring in speaker Max Brooks, author of the "humour" bestseller, The Zombie Survival Guide.

Our finest local minds are working on the problem as well. Mathematicians from Carleton and Ottawa U earlier this year published When Zombies Attack! Mathematical Modelling Of An Outbreak Of Zombie Infection.

The authors explored various anti-zombie strategies. I get a little lost in the math, but the conclusion is clear: Destroy all zombies.

"An outbreak of zombies infecting humans is likely to be disastrous, unless extremely aggressive tactics are employed against the undead," they write. This vital research was conducted with the help of an NSERC Discovery grant, an Ontario Early Researcher Award and funding from MITACS.

Meanwhile, less scholarly efforts continue among the living to understand the undead. This Sunday at 3 p.m., the lifeless husks of the damned — and costumed wannabes — will gather outside Beechwood Cemetery for the Ottawa Zombie Walk, a relentless, moaning march to Parliament Hill.

Next Friday, Babylon presents Zombie Strippers. The organizers note, "This is, as always, a discrimination-free event in a safe space. Leave your hang-ups at home, please."

That's very important. Remember, zombies may have previously been anybody. It can happen to anyone, so it's everyone's problem.

Except the zombies, who seem remarkably carefree. Stay safe out there.

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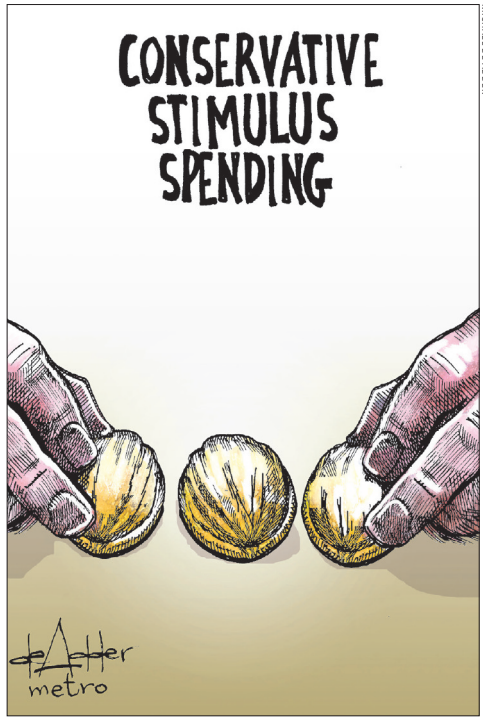

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Loonie too strong: BoC

Rising dollar jeopardizing recovery, says Carney

The stubbornly strong loonie is the major impediment to the Canadian economy rebounding more strongly from the recent deep recession, says Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney.

In a new warning, the bank governor says Canada would experience stronger recovery next year and in 2011 if the loonie had stayed at the 87-cent level the bank envisioned during the summer.

Carney said Thursday that's why the bank made it clear this week that it will keep interest rates at the historic low of 0.25 per cent until at least next July.

Carney said the central bank has several tools at its disposal, including intervention in the currency market, but didn't specify which would be put to use.

"Intervention is always an option," he said.

"Markets should take seriously our determination to set policy to achieve the inflation target. Markets sometimes lose their focus. We don't lose our focus."

The loonie closed at 95.44 cents US on Thursday, but many expect it to hit parity with the greenback in the next few months. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney folds his umbrella as he walks to a news conference in Ottawa on Thursday.

Savings may be sliding: Poll

FINANCES When it comes to how well Canadians are handling their cash these days, the consensus isn't all that clear.

An Ipsos Reid poll suggests many Canadians are letting their saving habits slide. The poll found one-third of the people who responded said they were saving less than they have in the past, with only one-in-five saying they were putting more away.

The poll suggests residents of Ontario and B.C. top the list of those saving less, while 70 per cent of Canadians find reaching a savings goal one of their biggest challenges.

On the other hand, a survey of about 1,200 people done for Sun Life found that 60 per cent had reduced their debt. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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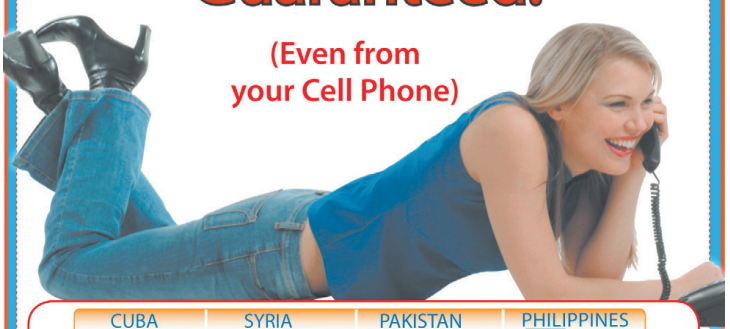

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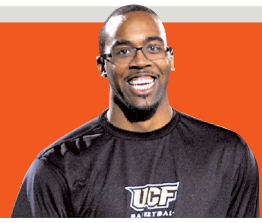
Governator backs new NFL stadium

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has signed a bill allowing the construction of a 75,000-seat stadium that developers hope will lure an NFL team to the Los Angeles area. Officials say the stadium would generate more than 18,000 jobs and more than $762 million US in economic output. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports



School faces shoe fight

A fight over the shoes Michael Jordan's son will wear at the University of Central Florida could cost the school as much as $3 million US. Freshman guard Marcus Jordan, left, is refusing to wear shoes made by adidas, the brand the university has a contract with for its sports. He says he will only wear his father's Nike Air Jordan shoes because it holds special meaning to his family. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sens lose wild game

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AT

Shea Weber scored his second goal of the game on a power play in overtime Thursday night and the Nashville Predators escaped Ottawa with a wild 6-5 victory over the Senators.

Weber, who also had an assist on the night, ripped a shot between the pads of Senators goaltender Pascal Leclaire with Matt Carkner serving an interference penalty.

The goal put an end to a game that saw the Predators blow a 3-0 lead in the third period and the team's exchange last-minute goals. Chris Phillips sent the Scotiabank Place crowd of 18,970 into a frenzy with the tying goal for the Senators with 1.6 seconds left with Ottawa playing short-handed with Leclaire on the bench in favour of an extra attacker.

Ryan Suter had two goals and an assist and J.P. Dumont scored once and set up four other goals for the Predators (3-5-1), who stopped a six-game winless slide.

Rookie Cody Franson also scored for Nashville. It was the first career goal for Franson, who was playing in just his third NHL game. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ottawa defencemen Chris Phillips, right, feeds the lumber to Nashville's Patric Hornqvist at Scotiabank Place on Thursday.

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Olympic torch lit in Greece

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

The 2010 Olympic torch was lit Thursday by the rays of a scorching Grecian sun beating down into a mirror during a theatrical and symbolic ceremony attended by dignitaries and tourists.

The drama, amid the ruins of the site of the ancient Olympic Games, was lit in the Temple of Hera by an actress playing a high priestess.

She said a prayer to Apollo, the Greek god of sun, asking him to "send your rays and light the sacred torch for the hospitable City of Vancouver."

With the presentation of an olive branch and the release of a white dove, the torch departed with a Greek runner, the start of a seven-day historic relay through Greece.

It will then be handed over to Vancouver 2010 officials next week and flown to Canada for a 45,000-kilometre, 106-day trek criss-crossing the country before culminating with the start of the Winter Games in February. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

GOLF Brandishing a hot putter on a warm afternoon, Australian Nick O'Hern cruised to a career-low 63 and the first-round lead in the Frys.com Open on Thursday. Bob Heintz and Heath Slocum were one stroke back at 64. Calgary's Stephen Ames and Bright's Grove, Ont., native Mike Weir sit three shots back in a tie for eighth. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Psychiatrists at the Ottawa Psychopharmacology Clinic are currently conducting a research study of a medication for depression. The purpose of the study is to further our knowledge about the possible treatment of depression. Treatment duration is initially 8 weeks with possible continuation of up to 46 weeks in total. Included are a physical exam, blood tests and a psychiatric interview. All information provided will be treated in strictest confidence. To volunteer, you must be 18-70 of age, not currently in psychiatric treatment (unless you are being referred by your treating doctor), have no significant drug or alcohol problems and be in generally good physical health.

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La Russa's future undecided
Nearly two weeks after his team was swept in the first round of the playoffs, Tony La Russa is still trying to decide whether he wants to return for a 15th season as St. Louis Cardinals manager. In a Thursday interview, La Russa promised the team he'd make a decision fairly soon. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Curling and the golden promise

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

At the home Olympics Canada will battle an inferiority complex. It is the only country to have hosted the Games (Montreal 1976 and Calgary 1988), and not win a gold medal inside its borders.

It's a glaring blemish on an otherwise illustrious Olympic history.

Vancouver/Whistler and the 2010 Games promise to end the pain. Yet even as the flame begins its journey from Olympia to Canadian shores, nothing is a lock. Certainly not hockey gold, and in the individual sports anything can happen.

That leaves curling, men's and women's, and at least one gold medal that many Canadians have come to count on.

"My generation of curlers is the first that grew up with the Olympics being the No. 1 goal," says Brad Gushue, who won 2006 gold in Torino for Canada. "You know for sure that Canadian fans expect a gold medal in curling."

Gushue's foursome and 13 other men's teams are in Mississauga this weekend at the Grey Power World Cup of Curling. The most talented lineup yet assembled includes seven European rinks, one each from China and the United States, all to appear at the Olympics in February. The five Canadian teams are the cream of the crop, but only one will have the chance to compete in Vancouver after winning an arduous trial process that essentially begins now.

"I relish that chance," says 2007 world champion Glenn Howard from Ontario's Georgian Bay region. "The whole planet will be watching. I can't think of anything more that I want in my life than to win a gold medal for my country."

It's a lot of pressure to bear.

Curling is, after all, a sport close to the heart in Canada with millions of passionate fans. But it's also a sport whose homeland is Scotland.

"Canada expects a gold medal, yes — but to us that's a huge challenge," warns reigning world champion David Murdoch of Lockerbie, Scotland, who will represent Great Britain. "A big crowd in Vancouver totally against us will inspire us to be even better."

It is the podium finish that could end the drought. Curling holds that much promise at the upcoming home Olympics.

Then again, in a sport where the playing field is rapidly becoming more level, not even curling can make a golden promise to Canadians this time.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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MLB Playoffs Angels strike early

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Los Angeles's Bobby Abreu reacts after scoring during the first inning in Game 5 of the American League championship series Thursday night against the New York Yankees. For a complete game recap, visit metronews.ca/sports

Sports in brief

INVESTIGATION Tennis authorities are looking into a WTA Tour match involving U.S. Open finalist Caroline Wozniacki that apparently sparked bettors to pile money on her opponent. Wozniacki, a 19-year-old Dane ranked sixth in the world, retired from the first-round match at the Luxembourg Open on Wednesday while leading Anne Kremer of Luxembourg 7-5, 5-0.

SOCCER Diego Maradona won't apologize for a profanity-filled tirade on live TV, which is being investigated by FIFA and could land the Argentina coach a five-game suspension and a fine of almost $20,000 US.

BLACKOUT The Oakland Raiders' home game against the New York Jets on Sunday will be blacked out locally because the team did not sell out the game in time.

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MLB switches up World Series umps

BASEBALL Stung by a rash of blown calls in the playoffs, Major League Baseball is breaking tradition and sticking with only experienced umpires for the World Series.

Longtime crew chiefs Joe West, Dana DeMuth and Gerry Davis, along with Brian Gorman, Jeff Nelson and Mike Everitt will handle the games, three people with knowledge of the decision told The Associated Press this week.

The people spoke on condition of anonymity because an official announcement has not been made.

In 24 of the last 25 World Series, the six-man crew has included at least one umpire working the event for the first time, as MLB likes to reward newer umpires and replenish the supply of umps with Series experience.

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Battle of Reds in Premiership

Liverpool faces must-win against Man U

Even with seven months of the season to go, Liverpool's clash with Manchester United is being billed as make-or-break for the Reds' Premier League title hopes.

Two league losses in a row — taking the early total to four — have left last season's runners up seven points adrift of three-time defending champion United.

Liverpool coach Rafa Benitez

And for once, not even Europe is not providing a salvation for Rafa Benitez's side — Liverpool is in danger of missing out on the lucrative Champions League knockout phase after a second straight loss Tuesday.

Not since 1987 has Liverpool endured a four-match losing sequence and it's being left to stalwart defender Jamie Carragher to rally the battered team, which could again be without the dynamic, but bruised, duo of Steven Gerrard and Fernando Torres for Sunday's match.

"Beating Manchester United could be just the boost we need, we always bounce back because that is what we are about," Carragher said. "We've got a lot of fight and character and will want to show that against United, particularly after what happened against Lyon."

While United has also experienced a sluggish start to the season, Sir Alex Ferguson's side has still managed to eke out victories and lead Chelsea by a point.

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Maradona won't apologize

FOOTBALL Diego Maradona won't apologize for a profanity-filled tirade on live TV, which is being investigated by FIFA and could land the Argentina coach a five-game suspension and a fine of almost $20,000.

Maradona was defiant in a television interview on state-run Canal 7, which came just hours after FIFA said it had opened a disciplinary investigation into his conduct last week following Argentina's 1-0 victory at Uruguay, which advanced the struggling team to next year's World Cup.

The embattled Argentina coach said he planned to take the team to South Africa and had no plans to resign. He said the remarks were aimed at critics and journalists who he suggested were "anti-Argentine."

"It was getting it off my chest, and I don't regret it," Maradona said on Thursday.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

IMPACT Signing coach Marc Dos Santos to a new contract will be the top priority for the Impact after the rookie coach took over in mid-season and led Montreal to the USL First Division championship. The Impact won the home-and-away final by a 6-3 aggregate score over the Vancouver Whitecaps.

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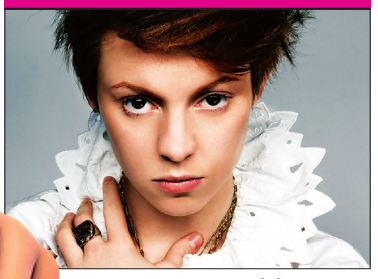

La Roux's sudden pop stardom took five years.

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New biopic Amelia may inspire the aviator look.

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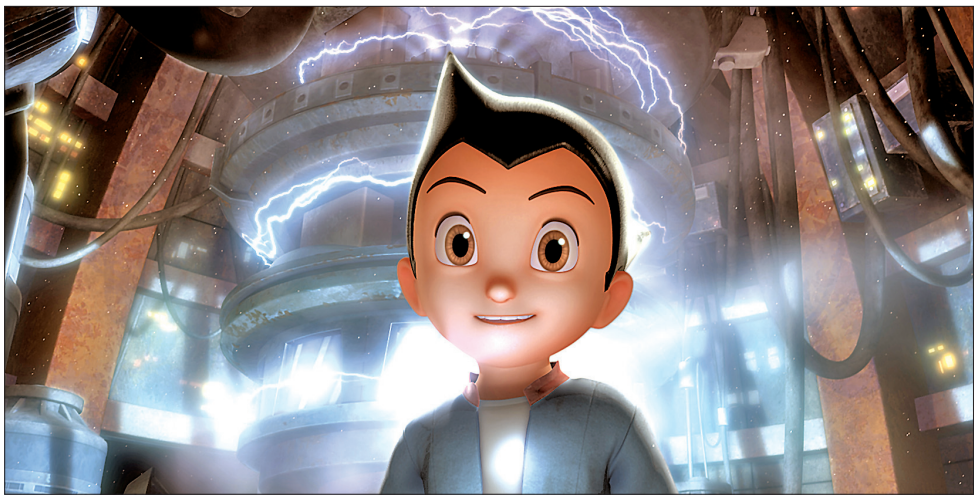
Boy, what a bummer


The Hollywood version of Japanese animator Osamu Tezuka's influential creation Astro Boy is playing in theatres.

Astro Boy
Director: David Bowers
Stars: Nicolas Cage, Kristen Bell
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●½

On the web
• For movie photos, trailers and screen times — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies.

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

In Canada, we may never have been able to fully appreciate the lore that is Astro Boy.

Sure, the character has been around for generations and been credited as the genesis of anime, but here in the Great White North, I don't recall the omnipresence of that little robot anymore than say, Hammy Hamster.

Still one cannot discount Osamu Tezuka's influential creation and the overdue splash on to the bigscreen that should definitely excite a few fanboys.

For those uneducated in the ways of Astro Boy, his story is thus: When the son of accomplished scientist Dr. Tenma (Nicolas Cage) is tragically killed, he constructs a robot in the child's image. Although he gave the android incredible powers, Tenma casts the unfulfilling surrogate away to Earth — now a trash heap a la Wall-E.

There, Astro Boy befriends a group of stray ghettoized children while being chased by the oppressive government for his special "blue" energy powers. This all, of course, represent more sophisticated allegories than the intended younger demographic of the film can likely understand — which does cause one to question, who is this movie for?

While Astro Boy has its cult following (which dates back to the 1950s), this movie is surely designed for children. As such, it's colorful, playful and the kiddies will giggle with glee but it's not necessarily for Astro Boy fans. While striving for heady themes may give pause to some diehards, the overly common story will supply slumber to most adults sitting in the cinema. As for me, I'm afraid that after seeing Astro Boy, the phenomenon still has no more prestige than a talented hamster.

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Hilary Swank as the legendary aviatrix in Amelia.

Amelia grounded by narrative

Amelia
Director: Mira Nair
Stars: Richard Gere, Hilary Swank
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●½

NED EHRBAR
for Metro Canada

REVIEW It should be easy to make an exciting movie about Amelia Earhart, the first female pilot to fly across the Atlantic who mysteriously disappeared during the tail end of an attempted round-the-world flight.

It's all there: the excitement and risk or early aviation, breaking down gender barriers, the glamour and adventure of being a famous aviatrix. But apparently the folks behind Amelia aren't up to the challenge. What they offer instead is a long, boring slog toward an ending everyone already knows, with little narrative thrust or sense of adventure.

The movie is pretty, to be sure, with rich cinematography, gorgeous costumes and period details and absolutely thrilling flight sequences. The problem is that as soon as a human being comes on screen, the air goes out of it. To see Hilary Swank, Richard Gere and Ewan McGregor with so little charisma is a shame, with Swank particularly disappointing.

Given the character's groundbreaking history, her Amelia is incredibly passive, marvelling wide-eyed as Gere's George Putnam makes her decisions for her for the first half of the film.

Amelia is lopsided from the get-go, with an inordinate amount of time spent on Earhart's first transatlantic trip — a publicity stunt during which she was a passenger. By the time we get to her actual solo flight, it seems like an afterthought.

Most of the exciting achievements in Earhart's life are covered with clumsy, trite newsreel footage and spiralling newspaper front pages. There nothing in this movie to suggest that it was made in 2009, let alone that it was directed by Mira Nair, who has shown such flair and originality in earlier films. This one never really takes off.

• For Amelia photos, trailer and screen times — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies

Davis on a roll
Somebody give Viola Davis' agent a raise. The actress has signed on not one, but two dotted lines, joining It's Kind Of A Funny Story as well as David Schwimmer's sophmore directorial effort, Trust. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

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Saw VI: Back to torture chamber

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Movie **feature**

Much like death and taxes, the annual appearance of yet another movie in the incredibly popular Saw series is inevitable.

The sixth entry in the franchise opens today but the blood spattered Saw legacy first hacked into the collective pop culture consciousness back in 2004 with James Wan and Ligh Wannell's original film — a grim, deadly serious psycho thriller about a serial killer named Jigsaw (Tobin Bell) who dispatches his victims with diabolical traps.

The film cost very little but made a lot; giving birth to a wave of Halloween released sequels that followed that lucrative, box office baiting trend while pleasing fans and alienating mainstream critics.

In fact the series is virtually review-proof (like every picture since the fourth entry, Saw VI was not prescreened for the press) and now stands as the highest grossing horror franchise in film history.

Following Wan's directorial successors Darren Lynn Bousman (Saw II and Saw IV) and David Hackl (Saw V), Saw VI is being helmed by long time series editor Kevin Greutert.

Unlike Hackl's film however, in which kinetic visuals and ultra-violence took a backseat to tone and almost noir-esque style, Greutert's aim with Saw VI is to return to the wince inducing levels of gore that have made the series such a success … and then surpass them.

Saw VI promises to up the ante on more horrific ways to raise the body count.

Saw VI is now in theatres

"There is a bigger cast this time, and yes, a bigger, bloodier body count," he says. "I can't give you the exact number of deaths, because then people will count them down and be like, 'Oh man, only one more guy to die!'

"But the interesting thing here is that, usually in a Saw movie, a character will wake up in a trap and we only see them under those conditions. But here almost every character has a role to play in the real world before we rip them apart."

The film follows the further of adventures of Jigsaw's disciple Hoffman (Caostas Mandylor), who has taken over the murderous reigns with delight. Cult movie starlet Julie Benz (TV's Dexter) returns from the last picture as do a host of other fan favorites that we have sworn not to reveal.

But one thing that is common knowledge is that — despite his being killed off in Saw III — Bell's Jigsaw once again looms large, thanks to an endless spate of flashbacks.

"A Saw film must have Tobin, that's it," says Greutert. "He's totally involved and he demands there be integrity in the script and to his character. His face is and will forever be, associated with the series and he has tremendous pull with the producers."

• For Saw VI photos, a trailer and screen times — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies.

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Coen brothers return to form

A Serious **Man**

Directors: Ethan Coen, Joel Coen
Stars: Michael Stuhlbarg
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●●½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW There were a lot of mixed reviews about last year's Burn After Reading but there should be no doubt that the Oscar-winning Coen brothers have returned to form with A Serious Man.

More in line with the sibling auteurs' earlier works such as Fargo or even Barton Fink, the quirky comedy focuses on a meek Jewish physics professor named Larry Gopnick (Michael Stuhlbarg) whose perfect late-'60s suburban life suddenly and inexplicably turns against him: His wife wants a divorce, his children no longer respect him, the sexy neighbour torments him by sunbathing nude and he's being blackmailed at work while his tenure is in jeopardy and that's just the beginning.

Needless to say, Gopnick finds his life spiralling into a spiritual abyss, leaving him to turn to the advice of three hapless rabbis with the hopes that they can solve his crisis and explain how to become "a serious man".

If that sounds somewhat philosophical, that's because the Coen brothers question notions of faith and meaning in what they've described as their "most personal work yet."

As with most of their films, their rich, surreal characters often have more bubbling under the surface than what first appears allowing them a mystery to escape farce and elicit deep contemplation.

Ditching big stars in favour of lesser-known Yiddish thespians certainly gives the superb comedy an added authenticity but Stuhlbarg steals the film playing a man who maintains a brash optimism even amidst his darkest hour.

Mark Stuhlbarg plays the lead in A Serious Man, dubbed the Coens' "most personal film yet."

A Serious Man is seriously fine filmmaking.

Butler goes for The Bard

It appears Gerard Butler has abandoned romantic comedies in order to accept a role from England's greatest playwright. Yes, Butler is taking a role in William Shakespeare's Coriolanus alongside Ralph Fiennes and William Hurt. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Movies

●●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR

John C. Reilly, right, plays a disgruntled bloodsucker in The Vampire's Assistant.

Little bite with some funny bits

The Vampire's Assistant

Director: Paul Weitz
Stars: John C. Reilly, Chris Massoglia, Josh Hutcherson
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

The Vampire's Assistant is not a great movie. In many ways it's a failure. The confusing plot condenses two separate novels and the screenplay is filled with cheesy moments.

However, the movie also has a good sense of humour about itself (unlike a certain weepy teen vampire franchise) and features enough talented actors in the supporting cast to keep things entertaining. The film is hardly a masterpiece, but at least it's fun.

John C. Reilly stars as a disgruntled vampire (is there any other kind?) who lives with a bizarre travelling freak show called the Cirque Du Freak.

Two teens discover the show and sneak their way in, only to end up becoming vampires themselves.

There's also a backstory involving a massive inter-vampire war, but frankly that doesn't really matter.

The plot is confusing and vague. It's all set up for future entries in the franchise with several movies worth of material crammed into the almost two hour running time. Fortunately, the film moves along at such a swift pace and features so many hilarious supporting roles that it's hard not to be entertained.

American Pie helmer Paul Weitz directs and while he tries a little too hard to make things visually interesting with a relentlessly moving camera, he does a good job keeping the convoluted story moving and the laughs coming.

Reilly doesn't quite manage the level of menace that his character should have, but he nails the comedic aspects of the role well enough to make it work. For a comedy/horror film aimed at teens, The Vampire's Assistant is surprisingly good.

• For The Vampire's Assistant photos, trailers and screen times — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies

Cruise in demand for dance show
Mary Murphy isn't the only one who would like to see Tom Cruise as a guest judge on So You Think You Can Dance. "Tom loves the show, so I hope so," new permanent judge Adam Shankman says. EONLINE.COM

Reel Time

●●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR

Amelia takes flight again

What do Coco Chanel, Queen Victoria and aviatrix Amelia Earhart have in common? All are women, made headlines and smashed barriers, becoming feminist icons in the process.

They are also all being given the big screen treatment this year in big Oscar bait movies. Coco Avant Chanel is in theatres, The Young Victoria comes out in December and this weekend Hilary Swank plays Earhart in Amelia.

None are strangers to posthumous celebrity; Victoria has been portrayed on screen almost 100 times by everyone ranging from Glenda Jackson to Michael Palin, but Earhart, a pioneering female pilot who disappeared over the Pacific during a circumnavigational flight of the globe attempt in 1937, has enjoyed a particularly good pop culture run of late.

She's been featured in Apple Computer's Think Different ads, Buck 65 rapped about her in Blood of a Young Wolf, and last year Amy Adams made her flesh and blood in Night at the Museum 2: Battle of the Smithsonian.

Academy Award winner Swank's take on the character is the eighth time Earhart has been immortalized on screen, not counting Jane Lynch's portrayal of her in The Aviator which ended up on the cutting room floor, but she isn't the first Oscar winner to play the fly queen.

In Flight for Freedom, honorary Oscar holder Rosalind Russell played Tonie Carter, a character based on Earhart.

"Any time that you play a character who was alive... you want to tell the story in a way that they would be proud of."
Hilary Swank

The film and Russell's flamboyant performance popularized the unsubstantiated notion that Earhart's disappearance was a result of clandestine work for the U.S. Navy.

That theory was furthered by a TV movie (subsequently released as a theatrical feature) called Amelia Earhart: The Final Flight. Starring Oscar winner Diane Keaton, the movie suggested the doomed flight was financed by the navy in exchange for her reports of suspicious Japanese activity in the South Pacific.

In Close Encounters of the Third Kind Steven Spielberg suggested another reason for her disappearance — alien abduction! In the film's climax Earhart exits the Mothership alongside a hundred alien abduction survivors. Spielberg said this was a tribute to Earhart and others who have mysteriously vanished at sea.

Whether or not Earhart would have approved of any of these portrayals we'll never know, but at least Swank says she tried to be respectful of Earhart's legacy. "Any time that you play a character who was alive… you want to tell the story in a way that they would be proud of."

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

Amy Adams played Amelia Earhart in the recently released Night at The Museum 2: Battle of the Smithsonian.

Reel Time

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Nielsen has last laugh

Stan Helsing latest comedy from 83-year-old

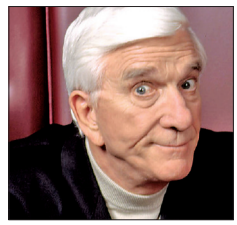
PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Canadian funnyman Leslie Nielsen is only a few months shy of his 83 birthday, but still loves making a fool of himself on camera.

Known primarily for his work with co-writers/directors Jim Abrahams, David Zucker and Jerry Zucker in Airplane and the Naked Gun movies, Nielsen has become a comedy icon for an entire generation.

But that wasn't always the case. For the first half of his career, Nielsen was exclusively known for his dramatic work on film and television. "I've done comedy all of my life," Nielsen told Metro. "It was just that people saw me in a certain light and wanted me to play more conservative roles for years."

That all changed when Abrahams and the Zuckers cast Nielsen in the 1980 comedy classic Airplane.



Leslie Nielsen has now spent as much of his career doing comedy as he has dramatic work. Stan Helsing is his latest movie.

"They picked me to play the doctor in Airplane even though I hadn't really done comedy. The studio wanted somebody else and didn't think that I could do it, but they decided that I was a funny guy and fought for me to play the role," said Nielsen.

"It turned out that I really enjoyed doing comedy, but also doing comedy the way they do it."

His latest project is Stan Helsing a parody of horror films. He appears in drag in a small role as a waitress and enjoyed his experience working on the film, even if it was a little more haphazard than he is used to.

"These low budget films today get made pretty fast," said Nielsen. "Sometimes you just get one shot at the scene and even if you don't get it right, you're moving on to the next scene."

Stan Helsing fits comfortably into the string of parody films Nielsen has appeared in since the '80s and he has no intention of abandoning this style of comedy any time soon.

"There are genres laying all over the ground just waiting to be parodied. There's nothing that you can't make fun of and have a good time."

On DVD

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Screen Times

THESE PAGES COVER MOVIE START TIMES FROM FRI., OCT. 23 TO THURS., OCT. 29. TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. COMPLETE LISTINGS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT METRONEWS.CA/MOVIES.

OTTAWA

BYTOWNE CINEMA
325 Rideau St., 613-789-3456

Cairo Time (STC) Fri 7 Sat 2-9:25 Sun 6:40 Mon 9:25 Tue 4:30-9:25 Wed-Thu 7:10
Flame & Citron (18A) Fri 9 Sat 6:35 Sun 1:15-8:40 Mon-Tue 6:35 Wed 9:10 Thu 4:20
Julie & Julia (PG) Sat 4 Sun 4:05 Mon 4
The Lost Boys (STC) Wed 5 Thu 9:10
Taking Woodstock (14A) Fri 4:30

CANADIAN FILM INSTITUTE
2 Daly Ave., Suite 120, 613-232-6727

Come on Children (STC) Sat 9
Dying at Grace (STC) Sun 7
A Married Couple (STC) Sat 7

COLISEUM OTTAWA
3090 Carling Ave., 613-596-9475

Astro Boy (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-3:50-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:30-9:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-4:40-7:20-10:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20-10:05
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12:40-3-5:20-7:40-9:55 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:40-9:55
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-4-7-9:50 Mon-Tue 4-7-9:50 Wed-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:30
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:35-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:35-10:15
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida (Verdi) (STC) Sat 1
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) No Passes Tue 12:01 No Passes Wed-Thu 4-7-10
Paranormal Activity (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:10 No Passes Mon 5:30-7:50-10:10 No Passes Tue 5:30-7:50-9:35 No Passes Wed-Thu 5:30-7:50-10:10
Saw VI (18A) Fri 1-4:50-7:30-10 Sat 1-4:35-7:30-10 Sun 1-4:50-7:30-10 Mon 4:50-7:30-10 Tue 4:35-7:05-10:10 Wed-Thu 4:50-7:30-9:50
The Stepfather (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Toy Story & Toy Story 2 3D Double Feature (STC) Fri-Sun 12:30-4:15-8:10 Mon-Thu 4:15-8:10
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:45-6:40-9:25
Whip It (PG) Fri 1:15-4:10-6:40-9:30 Sat 6:50-9:30 Sun 1:15-4:10-6:40-9:30 Mon 4:10-6:40-9:30 Tue 4:10-6:50-9:25
Zombieland (14A) Fri 2-5-8-10:20 Sat 8-10:20 Sun 2-5-8-10:20 Mon-Thu 5-8-10:20

EMPIRE 7 CINEMAS
111 Albert St., 3rd Floor, World Exchange Plaza, 613-233-0209

Amelia (PG) Fri 3:45-6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:45-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:30
Astro Boy (PG) Fri 4:10-7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:10-7:10-9:40 Mon-Tue 4:10-7:10-9:40 Wed-Thu 4:10-7:10
Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG) Fri 3:40-6:40-9:25-12:01 Sat 1:20-3:40-6:40-9:25-12:01 Sun 1:20-3:40-6:40-9:25 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:25
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 4-7-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:10-4-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:35
Paranormal Activity (14A) No Passes Fri 4:20-7:20-9:45-12:01 No Passes Sat 1:20-4:20-7:20-9:45-12:01 No Passes Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20-9:45
Saw VI (18A) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:20-12:01 Sat 1:05-3:50-6:50-9:20-12:01 Sun 1:05-3:50-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:20
A Serious Man (14A) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:3:30-6:30-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:15
The Stepfather (14A) Wed-Thu 9:40

MAYFAIR THEATRE
1074 Bank St., 613-730-3403

Listings not available at press time.

OTTAWA FAMILY CINEMA
710 Broadview Ave., 613-722-8218, familycinema.ca

Shorts (PG) Sat 2
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri 7

RAINBOW CINEMAS
St. Laurent Centre, 1200 St. Laurent Blvd., 613-688-0850

Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri-Thu 10:20-1:10-6:40
District 9 (14A) Fri-Thu 4-9:20
G-Force (STC) Fri-Thu 12:40-2:40-5
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) Fri-Thu 10:40-4:40
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri-Thu 1-7:30
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 10-4:30-7:05-9:35
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-6:55-9:15
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 10:10-12:15-2:30-7
Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day (14A) Fri-Thu 4:50-9:30
Up (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:20

RIDEAU CENTRE CINEMAS
50 Rideau St., 613-234-3712

Couples Retreat (PG) SDDS Digital Fri 4:20-6:50-9:20 SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 1:50-4:20-6:50-9:20 SDDS Digital Mon 4:20-6:50-9:20
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Wed-Thu 4:20-6:55-9:30
The Stepfather (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 4:30-7-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 2-4:30-7-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Tue 4:30-7-9:40
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 4:40-7:10-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Tue 4:40-7:10-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 4:40-7:10-9:40

SOUTH KEYS
2214 Bank St., 613-736-1115

Astro Boy (PG) Fri-Tue 10:50-1:30-4:05-7:9:50 Wed-Thu 10:50-1:30-4:05-6:55-9:50
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri 12:05-3:30-6:35-9:25 Sat 3:45-6:35-9:25 Sun-Tue 12:05-3:30-6:35-9:25
Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 10:25-12:55-3:35-7:10-9:55 No Passes Wed-Thu 10:25-12:55-3:35-7:10-9:55
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 10:55-1:25-3:55-6:40-9:20
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Tue 10:15-1:05-3:50-6:50-9:35 Wed-Thu 10:10-1:05-3:50-6:50-9:35
The Invention of Lying (PG) Fri 10:35-1:40-4:20-7:05-9:55 Sat 10:35-1:40-7:05-9:55 Sun-Thu 10:35-1:40-4:20-7:05-9:55
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Thu 10:40-1:20-4:6:45-9:30
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida (Verdi) (STC) Sat 1
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) No Passes Tue 12:01 No Passes Wed-Thu 10:15-1-4-7:10
NY Times Talks: A Conversation with John Irving (STC) Wed 7
Saw VI (18A) Fri-Mon 12:45-3:45-7:20-10:05 Tue 12:45-3:45-7:20-9:45 Wed-Thu 12:45-3:45-7:20-10:05
The Stepfather (14A) Fri-Thu 11-1:45-4:15-7:30-10
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 10:20-12:50-3:20-6:25-9:05
Whip It (PG) Fri 10:30-1:15-4:10-6:55-9:40 Sat 10:30-1:15-6:55-9:40 Sun-Tue 10:30-1:15-4:10-6:55-9:40 Wed 10:30-1:15-4:10-9:40 Thu 10:30-1:15-4:10-6:55-9:40
Zombieland (14A) Fri 10:45-1:35-4:30-7:25-9:45 Sat 4:30-7:25-9:45 Sun-Mon 10:45-1:35-4:30-7:25-9:45 Tue 10:45-1:35-4:30-7:25-10:05 Wed-Thu 10:45-1:35-4:30-7:25-9:45

GATINEAU

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION
100 rue Laurier, 819-776-7010

De Tanger à la Mecque (STC) Fri 7 Sat 4 Sun 10 Mon 8 Wed 8
Journey to Mecca in the Footsteps of Ibn Battuta (STC) Sat 3-7 Sun 3-6 Tue 8 Thu 7
Mystères des Grands Lacs (STC) Fri 4 Sat 1 Sun 4 Tue 1 Wed 4-9 Thu 1
Mysteries of the Great Lakes (STC) Fri 12-2 Sat-Sun 12-5 Tue 12-3-9 Wed 12-2 Thu 12-3
Safari Sauvage 3D (STC) Fri 1-8 Sat 10 Sun 1 Tue 4-7 Wed 1 Thu 4
Transformers: La revanche (G) Fri 9
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (G) Sat 9 Sun 7 Thu 8
Wild Safari: A South African Adventure (STC) Fri 11-3-5 Sat 11-2-8 Sun 11-2 Tue 11-2-5 Wed 11-3-5-7 Thu 11-2-5

CINÉMA DES GALERIES D'AYLMER
400 boul. Wilfrid-Lavigne, 819-248-2526

Bancs publics (STC) Tue 1-3:30 Wed-Thu 7
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sun 7-9:20
Les Dames en bleu (STC) Fri-Sun 1-3 Mon 7 Tue 7-9:20
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Wed-Thu 6:50-9:20
Saw VI (18A) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:30-7:10-9:30 Mon 7:10 Tue 1:10-3:30-7:10-9:30 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:30
The Stepfather (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:20-6:50-9:10 Mon 6:50 Tue 12:50-3:20-6:50-9:10 Wed-Thu 9:30
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:10-6:40-9 Mon 6:40 Tue 12:40-3:20-6:50-9:10 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:10

CINÉ-STARZ
1100 boul. Maloney Ouest, 819-568-8000

1981 (G) Mon-Thu 3:20-8:10
De père en flic (G) Fri-Sun 1:25-3:20-7-9 Mon-Thu 1:25-3:15-5:05-7-8:50
La destination ultime (13+) Fri-Sun 6:10-7:35-9:35 Mon-Thu 1:35-3-6:05
G.I. Joe: Le réveil du Cobra (STC) Fri-Sun 4:35-9:05 Mon-Thu 4:40-8:20
Gamer vf (13+) Fri-Sun 5:15-7-8:35 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:25-7:30-9:10
L'ère de glace: L'aube des dinosaures (G) Fri-Sun 12:1:40-3:20-6:35 Mon-Thu 12:1:40-5:05
Numéro 9 (G) Fri-Sun 12-5:30-8:10 Mon-Thu 12-6:45
Opération G-Force (G) Fri-Sun 12-1:30-3:05 Mon-Thu 12
La pierre magique (G) Fri-Sun 12-1:35-3:05-4:35 Mon-Thu 12-3:10-6:45

GATINEAU 9
120 boul. de l'Hôpital, 819-568-6070

5150, Rue des Ormes (13+) Fri 6:30-9:05 Sat 3:10-6:30-9:05 Sun 12:30-3:10-6:30-9:05 Mon 6:30-9:05 Tue 12:30-3:10-6:30-9:05 Wed-Thu 6:30-9:05
Astro v.f. (STC) Fri 7:20-9:30 Sat-Sun 12-2:20-4:30-7:20-9:30 Mon 7:20-9:30 Tue 12-2:20-4:30-7:20-9:30 Wed-Thu 7:20-9:30
Le beau-père (13+) Fri 7:15-9:40 Sat-Sun 1-3:25-7:15-9:40 Mon 7:15-9:40 Tue 1-3:25-7:15-9:40 Wed-Thu 7:15-9:40
Cirque du Freak: L'assistant du Vampire (G) No Passes Fri 7-9:35 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:45-3:30-7-9:35 No Passes Mon 7-9:35 No Passes Tue 12:45-3:30-7-9:35 No Passes Wed-Thu 7-9:35
Décadence 6 (16+) Fri 7:05-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:40-7:05-9:20 Mon 7:05-9:20 Tue 1:10-3:40-7:05-9:20 Wed-Thu 7:05-9:20
Il pleut des hamburgers (G) Fri 7:10 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:35-7:10 Mon 7:10 Tue 1:15-3:35-7:10
Je l'aimais (G) Fri 6:20-9 Sat 12:20-6:20-9 Sun 12:20-3-6:20-9 Mon 6:20-9 Tue 12:20-3-6:20-9 Wed-Thu 6:20-9
Max et les maximonstres (G) No Passes Fri 6:40-9:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:20-3:45-6:40-9:10 No Passes Mon 6:40-9:10 No Passes Tue 1:20-3:45-6:40-9:10 No Passes Wed-Thu 6:40-9:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida (Verdi) (STC) Sat 1
Michael Jackson's This Is It (anglais avec s.t.f.) (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 7-9:40
Un honnête citoyen (13+) Fri 6:50-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:45-6:50-9:25 Mon 6:50-9:25 Tue 12:10-2:45-6:50-9:25 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:25
Zombieland vf (13+) Fri-Tue 9:25

STARCITÉ HULL
115 boul. du Plateau, 819-770-1090,

5150, Rue des Ormes (13+) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:10-6:15-8:40
Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (G) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:30-6:55-9:30
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (G) Fri-Thu 1:50-3:55-6:20
Coco avant Chanel (G) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:25-6:40-9:05
Couples Retreat (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-4-6:50-9:50
De père en flic (G) Fri-Tue 1:45-4:10-6:25-9
Décadence 6 (16+) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:20-7-9:10
Il pleut des hamburgers (G) Fri-Thu 1-3:05-7:15-9:20
Inglourious Basterds (13+) Fri-Tue 3-6:10-9:15
The Invention of Lying (STC) Fri-Tue 1:40-4:05-6:35-8:50
Law Abiding Citizen (13+) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:40-6:45-9:25
Michael Jackson's This Is It (anglais avec s.t.f.) (G) Wed 12:05-1:30-4:30-7:30-10 Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10
Michael Jackson's This Is It (G) Wed 12:05-1-1:45-4-4:45-7-7:45-9:30-10:15 Thu 1-1:45-4-4:45-7-7:45-9:30-10:15
Saw VI (16+) Fri-Thu 1:55-4:15-7:25-9:40
The Stepfather (13+) Fri-Tue 12:50-3:15-7:20-9:45
Surrogates (G) Fri-Thu 1:35-3:45-7:10-9:55
The Ugly Truth (13+) Fri-Thu 8:25
Where the Wild Things Are (G) Fri-Thu 1:25-3:50-6:30-8:45
Zombieland (13+) Fri-Thu 1:30-3:35-7:05-9:35

BARRHAVEN

BARRHAVEN CINEMAS
131 Riocan Dr., 613-825-2463

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (STC) Fri 6:30-9 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 5-7:30
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:3:40-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:20
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 7:10-10 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:40
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida (Verdi) (STC) Sat 1
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 5:30-8:30
Saw VI (18A) Fri 7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 6-8:30
The Stepfather (14A) Fri 7-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:40-4:30-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:20-8:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) No Passes Fri 6:50-9:20 No Passes Sat 4:6:50-9:20 No Passes Sun 12:50-4:6:50-9:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:30-8 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Zombieland (14A) Fri 7:30-10:10 Sat 1:10-7:30-10:10 Sun 1:10-3:50-7:30-10:10 Mon-Tue 5:10-7:40

GLOUCESTER

SILVERCITY
2385 City Park Dr., 613-688-8800

Amelia (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:25-3:25-6:25-9:25
Astro Boy (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-6:20-9:10
Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:10-4:10-6:45-9:15-11:45 No Passes Sun-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:45-9:15
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-5:7:20-9:40
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sat 12:1:15-3-4:20-6:15-7:10-9:10-10-11:40 Sun-Tue 12:1:15-3-4:20-6:15-7:10-9:10-10 Wed-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:10-10:10
Fame (PG) Fri 12:35-3:35-7:05-9:55 Sat 7:05-9:55 Sun-Mon 12:35-3:35-7:05-9:55 Tue 12:35-3:35
The Informant! (14A) Fri-Thu 3:20-9:35
The Invention of Lying (PG) Fri 1:20-3:50-6:30-8:50 Sat 3:50-6:30-8:50 Sun-Tue 1:20-3:50-6:30-8:50 Wed 1:20-3:50-9:55 Thu 1:20-3:50-6:30-8:50
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:20-11:50 Sun-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:20
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida (Verdi) (STC) Sat 1
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) No Passes Tue 12:01 No Passes Wed-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 1-4-7-10
NY Times Talks: A Conversation with John Irving (STC) Wed 7
Paranormal Activity (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-2:50-5:10-7:30-9:50 No Passes Fri-Sat 12:01
Saw VI (18A) Fri-Sat 1-3:45-7:35-10-12:15 Sun-Wed 1-3:45-7:35-10 Thu 1-3:45-10
Stark Raving Black (STC) Thu 7
The Stepfather (14A) Fri-Tue 1:25-4:25-7:15-9:45 Wed 4:25-7:15-9:45 Thu 1:25-4:25-7:15-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Surrogates (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-6:50
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:30-3:30-7:40-10:05 No Passes Wed 3:30-7:40-10:05 No Passes Thu 12:30-3:30-7:40-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Where the Wild Things Are: The IMAX Experience (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-2-4:30-7-9:30
Zombieland (14A) Fri 1:40-4:40-7:45-10:15 Sat 1:40-7:45-10:15 Sun-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:45-10:15

ORLEANS

ORLEANS TOWN CENTRE 6 CINEMAS
250 Centrum Blvd., 613-834-0666

Astro Boy (PG) Fri 6:40-9 Sat-Sun 1:30-3:40-6:40-9 Mon-Thu 5:40-7:50
Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG) Fri 7:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 1-3:20-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:55-8:15
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 7:20-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:40-4-7:20-9:40 Mon-Tue 5:45-8:10
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 6:50-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:30-8
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) No Passes Tue 12 No Passes Wed-Thu 5:45-8:10
The Stepfather (14A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:10-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:35-8:20
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) No Passes Fri 6:30-8:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:20-3:30-6:30-8:50 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:25

KANATA

KANATA 24
801 Earl Grey Dr., 613-599-1200

Amelia (PG) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:30-2:05-4:40-7:15-9:50 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Mon-Tue 2:05-4:40-7:15-9:50 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Wed-Thu 11:30-2:05-4:40-7:15-9:50
Astro Boy (PG) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:35-12:55-3:15-5:30-7:50-10:10 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Mon-Tue 3:15-5:30-7:50-10:10 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Wed-Thu 10:35-12:55-3:15-5:30-7:50-10:10
Cairo Time (STC) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:45-1:15-3:30-5:45-8:05-10:20 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Mon-Tue 3:30-5:45-8:05-10:20 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Wed-Thu 10:45-1:15-3:30-5:45-8:05-10:20
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Sun 10:50-4:30-10:10 SDDS Digital Mon-Tue 4:30-10:10 SDDS Digital Wed 10:50-4:30-10:10 SDDS Digital Thu 10:50-4:30
Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:55-2:30-5:7:35-10:10 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Mon-Tue 2:30-5:7:35-10:10 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Wed-Thu 11:55-2:30-5:7:35-10:10
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (STC) SDDS Digital Fri-Sun 10:40-12:55-3:10-5:30-7:45-10:10 SDDS Digital Mon-Tue 3:10-5:30-7:45-10:10
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (STC) Digital Fri-Sun 11:40-2:10-4:45-7:10-9:25 Digital Mon-Tue 2:10-4:45-7:10-9:25 Digital Wed-Thu 11:40-2:10-4:45-7:10-9:25
Couples Retreat (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Sun 10:40-11:10-1:20-1:45-4-4:30-7-7:30-9:45-10:15 SDDS Digital Mon-Tue 4-4:30-7-7:30-9:45-10:15 SDDS Digital Wed-Thu 10:40-11:10-1:20-1:45-4-4:30-7-7:30-9:45-10:15
Fame (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Sun 11:10-1:55-4:35-7:35-10:05 SDDS Digital Mon-Tue 4:35-7:35-10:05 SDDS Digital Wed-Thu 11:10-1:55-4:35-7:35-10:05
The Informant! (14A) SDDS Digital Fri-Sun 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:25-10 SDDS Digital Mon-Tue 2:20-4:50-7:25-10 SDDS Digital Wed-Thu 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:25-10
The Invention of Lying (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Thu 2:30-7:55
Julie & Julia (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Sun 1:45-7:25 SDDS Digital Mon-Tue 7:25 SDDS Digital Wed 1:45-7:25 SDDS Digital Thu 1:45
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:45-11:15-1:25-1:55-4:10-4:40-7:10-7:35-9:50-10:20 SDDS Digital Mon-Tue 4:10-4:40-7:10-7:35-9:50-10:20 SDDS Digital Wed 10:45-11:15-1:25-1:55-4:10-4:40-7:10-7:35-9:50-10:20 SDDS Digital Thu 10:45-11:15-1:25-1:55-4:10-4:40-7:35-10:20
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement, Sneak Preview Tue 12:01 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Wed-Thu 10:15-10:45-11:15-1:1:30-2:3:45-4:15-4:45-6:30-7-7:45-9:15-9:45-10:25
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Music

Her name in Lights

Juno-winning singer releases infectious debut The Listening

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Thanks to Jay-Z's song Death of Autotune, the obnoxious vocal effect is no longer in vogue. That poses a problem, however, for Toronto-singer Lights, who uses it on her new album.

"It's a great vocal effect if used tastefully, so why deny it?" she says. "I just use it in verses to try to convey emotion of being constricted and held very tight."

She admits, though, that artists like Kanye West and T-Pain have digitized their pipes too much. "It might have been a little excessive," she says. "If he can't sing without it, which we can't really tell, then maybe it's better that he used it."

Fortunately, she doesn't go nuts with sound — the musician, whose real name is Valerie Poxleitner, only uses it on the track The Saviour. Like most of the music on her debut full-length The Listening, the song is a soft electro synth pop number — think Kylie Minogue-meets-Nintendo. The songs move between the über radio friendly title track, to the quirky indie tune Drive My Soul.

"I always want to put something cool online — a new remix or b-side every couple of weeks."
Lights

Either way her sound is different. It also took a while to fine tune. Although she's only 22, Lights has been playing music for years, writing her first song in her early teens. She's played in a metal band, pretended to be Alicia Keys and wrote music best suited for, she says, "sad acoustic coffee houses."

Then, three years ago, she started listening to Bjork and euro electronica. When she went into the studio to record, she decided to try and play a track without any traditional instruments.

"I found random sounds and fluttery beats," she explains. "I realized there was no limit when you have synths. You can come up with any texture that will convey sound. You create it and make it happen."

There's no doubt her sound is accessible and infectious enough to court the American masses — Old Navy has already featured one of her songs — but it helps that Jian Ghomeshi — a former Canadian musician and current host of CBC's Q — is her manager.

The singer connected with Ghomeshi by chance. When she was 15 she was in a Walmart ad holding a guitar. The makeup artist saw the photo and asked if she played. He then asked her to sing. "He was blown away and he called Jian who was coming to the area a few weeks later," she recalls. They met, she gave him a demo and he's worked with her ever since.

She might not need him for much longer though, with more than 165,000 MySpace friends, she's become an Internet sensation.

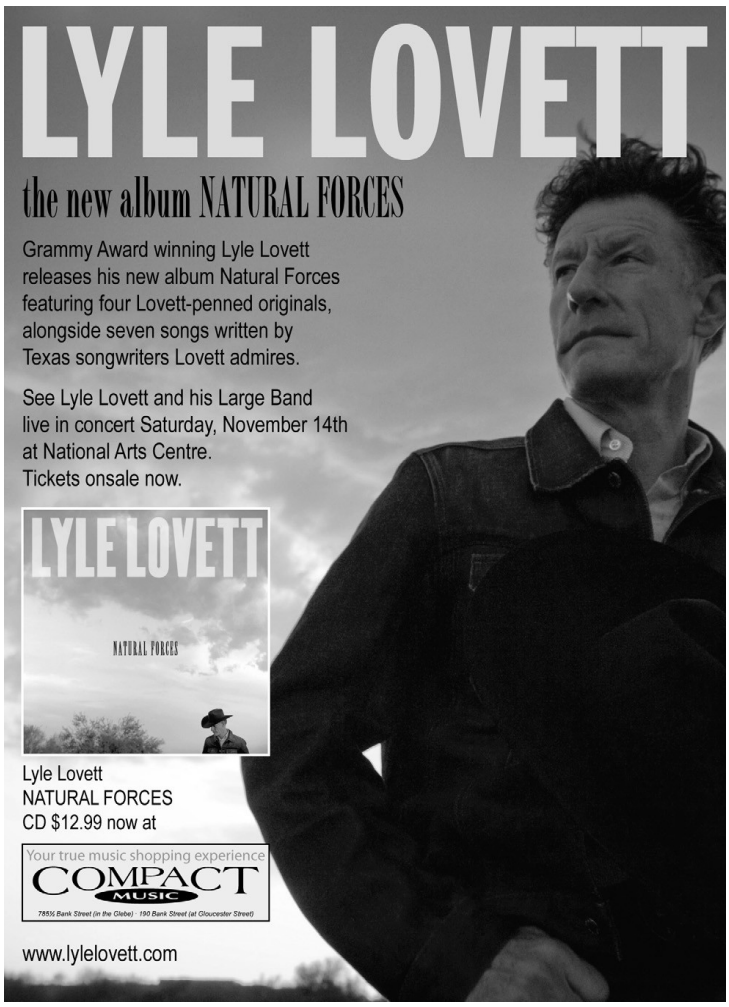
Fortunately, she likes connecting with her virtual fans. Though, she admits, communicating with her followers could become more difficult as she gets more popular.

"I always want to put something cool online — a new remix or b-side every couple of weeks," she says. "Maybe a day will come I won't be able to do that, but hopefully not."

Bright Lights

- The Listening is the new album from Lights. She plays the Bronson Centre in Ottawa on Nov. 27.

Lights (Valerie Poxleitner) won the Juno Award for best new artist earlier this year. Her full-length debut album is now out.



Creed has come Full Circle

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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Ten years ago, Creed was one of the biggest bands in North America, selling tens of millions of records and tens of thousands of concert tickets. But by Christmas 2002, everything had gone horribly pear-shaped. Zonked on a combination of prescription drugs and JD, singer Scott Stapp turned in a horrible performance in Chicago that resulted in four fans filing a class action lawsuit.

Mix in the Holier-than-thou attitude, the perceived hypocrisies (including a leaked sex tape), the car accident, the broken hip, the thoughts of suicide and the very public fights with other bands — including an actual brawl with members of 311 in a Baltimore hotel lobby — and you have the very definition of "downward spiral."

Things finally bottomed out for Stapp on Nov. 18, 2006, when his wife told him enough was enough. That date is now tattooed on his forearm as a reminder of how bad things got. Since then, he and the rest of Creed have slowly plotted their rehabilitation, a test that begins in earnest Tuesday with the release of the band's fourth album, which, is (hopefully?) entitled Full Circle.

Stapp sounds humbled, chastened and in search of a second chance. "In 2002, it was definitely time for us to take a break from what it had become in the last six to eight months. The time was very well spent, most importantly establishing a firm foundation with our families. And for me, my faith."

Creed's Scott Stapp

Stapp spent much of his time coaching football and basketball with his kids and supporting his wife, a Miss Florida and Miss America runner-up.

The other members of the band know what they're up against, too. Drummer Scott Phillips told the New York Times "Maybe we can get everyone thinking, 'You know, I don't hate Creed so much. I like them.'"

The new tracks are more muscular than With Arms Wide Open and those other singles that achieved popular acclaim and then critical scorn. And not just scorn — Creed was despised. Stapp now concedes that the band — and he in particular — deserved that.

"We're sorry for the ignorant, youthful chip we had on our shoulders back then. Ten years ago, we didn't realize we were carrying that in with us and it set off the wrong vibe. I hope we get a second change to make a first impression."

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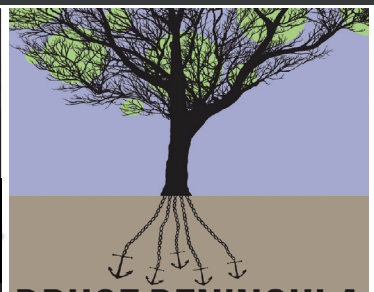

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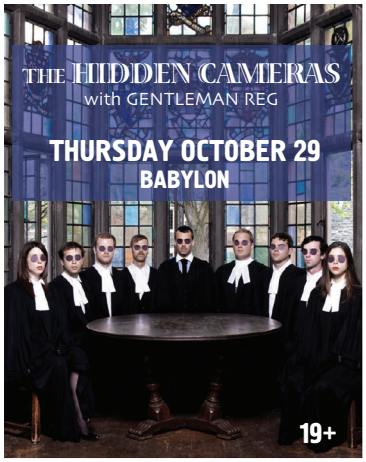

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Rapid rise of La Roux

U.K. act's debut tops the charts

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Elly Jackson is sick. Her voice is shot from months of touring — it still remains to be seen how she'll perform tonight in Toronto — so what was supposed to be a lively interview with the outspoken frontwoman for La Roux, has become a quick e-mail exchange.

Still, Jackson's exuberance comes across; her responses are in all caps.

"I'M TRYING TO HUSH MY MOUTH JUST A LITTLE!" she writes, as if she's screaming. Because we're corresponding over the Internet, she doesn't have the chance to say curious things about other musicians (she recently insulted U.K. rap act Tinchy Stryder) or feminism ("There's far more ways to be sexy than to dress in a miniskirt and a tank top … I think you attract a certain kind of man by dressing like that," she once said).

But, if she could speak, she wouldn't hold back. "Wouldn't it be boring if we all said the same thing and had no opinions," she writes. "Too many acts go on media training courses. It's safe being bland."

Her comments have gotten her tons of press, and for a 21-year-old trying to navigate the saturated British music market, the more people talking about you the better.

But however people find out about the singer, and her musical partner Ben Langmaid, it's the music that really speaks for itself. The duo's debut is a wildly infectious synth pop record that recalls '80s bands like Depeche Mode and glam rockers such as David Bowie.

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Their self-titled debut reached No. 2 in the U.K. and landed on top 40 charts around the globe. The rise seems rapid — the album came out in England in June and in North America in late July, but for Jackson, the accolades have been a long time coming.

"We've been writing together for five years before the record came out," she explains.

"But yes, in real terms it has been quite quick, but that's kind of how it happens now, especially in the U.K. No one makes it the old fashioned way by touring."

It's likely the attention will keep coming — these songs are catchy enough to be played in the car and the club — but her debut could easily have fallen flat. Especially if she recorded it the way she originally wanted — as folk songs.

"Some of the songs were written on the acoustic guitar and demoed as such," she reveals. "I was a major Joni Mitchell fan, had my hair down to my waist but I got bored. It's been done to death. And how do you top Joni or Neil Young. You can't."

La Roux's self-titled debut landed in the No. 8 spot on the Canadian album chart this summer.

In Concert

- La Roux performs at Le Studio Juste Pour Riret in Montreal on Saturday night.

The following is HMV Canada's top 10 CDs
1. Crazy Love, Michael Buble; Various Artists, The Twilight Saga: New Moon Soundtrack; 3. Stereos, Stereos; 4. One Love, David Guetta; 5. Stereo Box Set, The Beatles. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Music

Kelly Clarkson finally at ease

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

On tour, she replaces dancers with horn and string sections. On stage, she wears jeans instead of jumpsuits. And in life, Kelly Clarkson just wants to be herself.

"If I had of started off trying to create a whole different image around myself, I'd be very unhappy right now," said the inaugural American Idol winner, 27. "I'm happy I started off on this foot."

It's a foot of humility, compared to the more self-admiring, sexualized starlets of pop with whom Clarkson shares the spotlight. But even though she still considers her seven-year-old Idol victory "lucky" and "a blessing," and talks down her 20 million plus worldwide record sales, her modesty hasn't kept her out of the tabloid culture for which train wrecks like Britney Spears and Amy Winehouse are usually fodder.

"I'm very comfortable in my skin. Sometimes I do wish other people would be as comfortable in theirs..."
Kelly Clarkson

"I think it's human nature to automatically go to those juvenile little places in your head," said Clarkson. In the past year, she's been criticized for gaining weight and accused of being a lesbian because of her singlehood, in the celebrity press. But she said she's always been the butt of some sort of criticism in such circles and after almost a decade in the industry, she doesn't really care.

"I'm very comfortable in my skin. Sometimes I do wish other people would be as comfortable in theirs, so maybe they didn't have to critique everyone so much," she said, "But you can't ask people to change. They are who they are."

However comfortable, for Clarkson, doesn't mean unchallenged. She said the most onerous part of her career has not related to her celebrity, but standing up for herself, to have her voice heard behind-the-scenes, "without being blackmailed," she said with a laugh.

"I've had to do that with every record since day one," she said. "It's kind of flattering, because everyone wants to be part of your career but at the same time, it can be very hard because there are so many cooks in the kitchen."

The major record labels have inhibited artists out of fear because of financial shortages, said Clarkson, who doesn't know what course of action she'll take when her recording contract expires.

"It's really hard to be super-creative in this environment," she said, "There are no Bruce Springsteens or Janice Joplins going on right now. If there are, they're not working with a record label."

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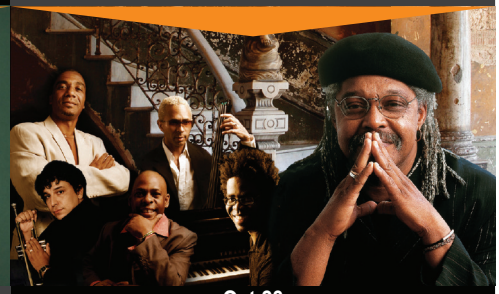

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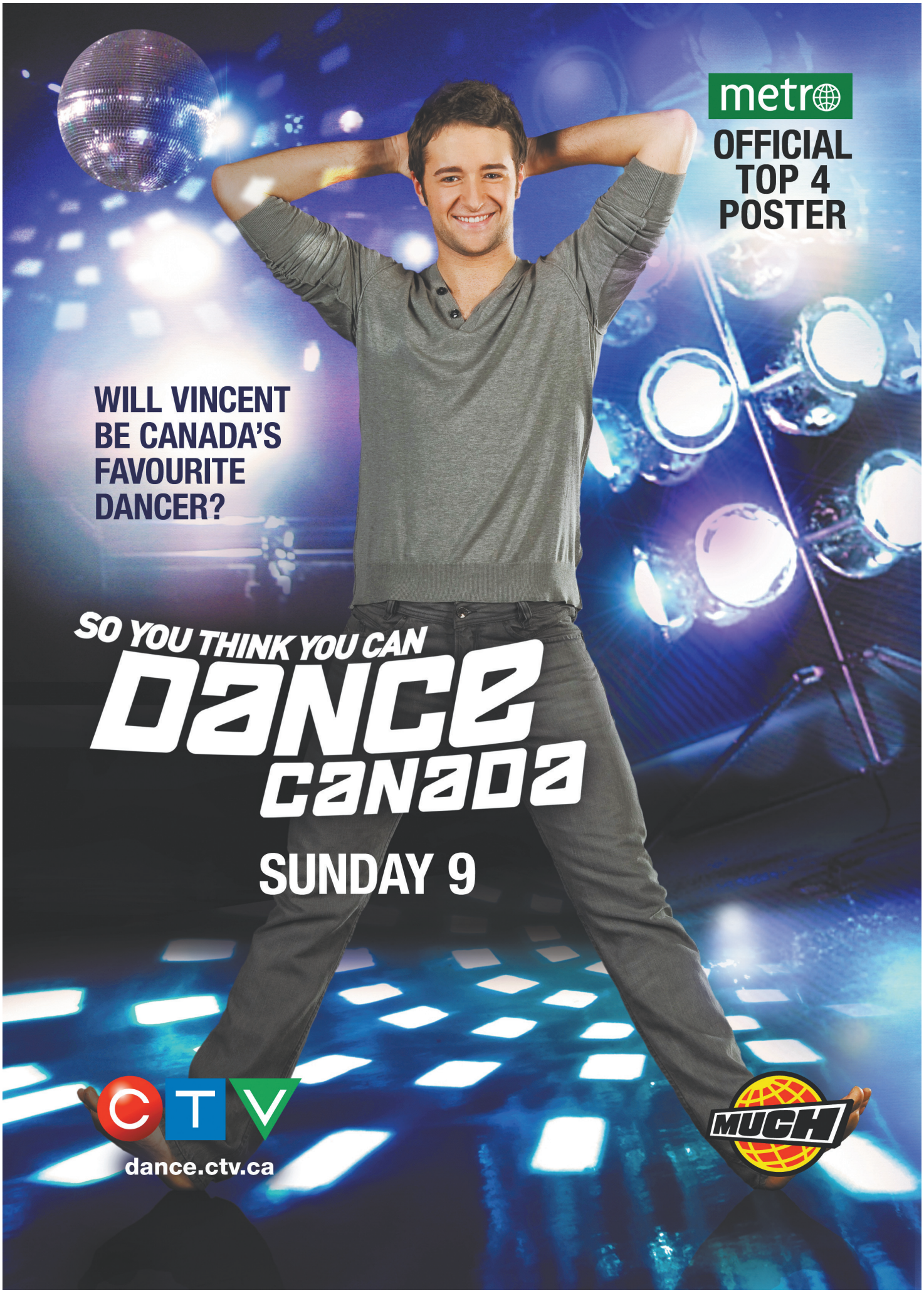
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Entertainment

Fashion meets function

Amelia Earhart biopic highlights timeless aviation styles

Before they became staples of the runway, bomber jackets, flight suits and protective aviator sunglasses were born in the cockpit of an early — and cold — airplane.

They were necessary in drafty flying machines with metal doors that were a struggle just to keep closed. But as aviation pioneers such as Amelia Earhart brought their style around the world, they sparked fashion trends that have been with us ever since.

The leather bomber jacket shown in the new Earhart biopic Amelia starring Hilary Swank marries function and style in a way that finicky fashion has embraced through the years, says Franco DiCarlo, executive vice-president of Belstaff USA, the brand that collaborated with the filmmakers on key wardrobe pieces.

"A lot of the aviator jackets are timeless in style and they perform under a great variety of weather ... They say fashion is cyclical, but this is timeless."
Franco DiCarlo, Belstaff USA

"A lot of the aviator jackets are timeless in style and they perform under a great variety of weather. ... They say fashion is cyclical, but this is timeless," he says.

But when the styles landed in the 1920s and '30s, it was uncharted territory, allowing for a woman like Earhart to help craft the image and vocabulary of a flyer's style, says Amelia costume designer Kasia Walicka Maimone.

"The whole history of aviation was really being invented and part of that was inventing the new language," she says.

At first pilots borrowed silhouettes from horseback riders, race-car drivers and motorcyclists, later adapting jodhpurs, goggles and the zip-front leather jackets, among other items.

Early on, Earhart wore these things, too, but she had a lifelong interest in fashion, so many of the more stylish, more feminine adaptations came from her. At one point, she had her own clothing line — a second career to support her flying.

"She wore clothes with a natural ease and elegance," says Maimone. "I did love her evening gowns as much as I loved the flightwear. I loved the combination of the super practical flight clothing and the elegance of the eveningwear. I loved that it was one closet for the same person."

The movie's director, Mira Nair, says time, effort and money went into capturing the right visuals of Earhart's time. "We wanted to make the costumes seems as modern as they were then. ... We didn't want it to look like a 'costume movie.' We wanted wearable, practical clothes with great style."

She was a fan of a white silk charmeuse tank top and winter-white trousers Swank wore, as well as an open-back, pewter-coloured gown. "So often I moved the camera to shoot the dress and the plane. The plane was horizontal, but I wanted to show off the full figure of Amelia because there's such enjoyment of her silhouette."

Nair adds, "If I had the figure, I'd wear the brown-leather catsuit thing she wore." She'll still have her chance: slim jumpsuits in stores this past spring are back in designer collections for 2010.

And Nair is still mulling a leather bomber her shopping list this season. "I'm pretty amazed to see what's happening in fashion magazines. In the last six weeks, I've seen so many with the aviator look." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Essential eyewear

- Aviator eyewear was also born of necessity for pilots who needed to be shielded from both the sun and external agents. The Italian brand Persol has been making aviator eyewear since 1917, and some pilots still choose Persol, says brand manager Chiara Bernardi, but new lenses with photochromic and polarized lenses allow for protection without the original, more gogglelike look.

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Hilary Swank plays Amelia Earhart in the new biopic Amelia. Besides being an aviation pioneer, Earhart was known for her fashion styles, which influenced classic trends that still exist today.

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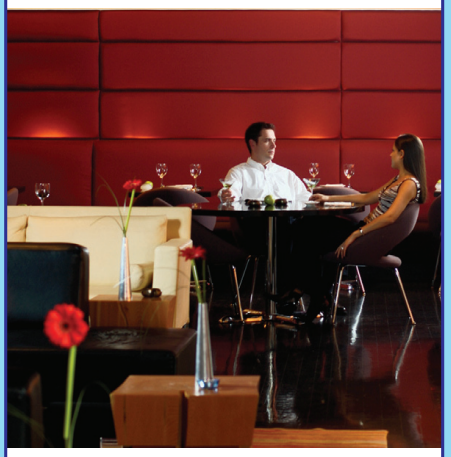

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McCartney launches tour

MUSIC Paul McCartney will return to Hamburg, where The Beatles honed their craft, to launch his first European tour in five years.

McCartney announced Thursday he will play the German city on Dec. 2 to kick off the Good Evening Europe tour.

The former Beatle also plans shows in Berlin, the Dutch city of Arnhem, Paris, Cologne and Dublin. The seven-date tour ends at London's O2 Arena on Dec. 22.

The tour follows a string of North American dates earlier this year.

McCartney

The 67-year-old McCartney plans to release a live album from the U.S. tour, Good Evening New York City. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Entertainment in brief

PEOPLE Alice Munro, 78, who earlier this year was named the third recipient of the prestigious Man Booker International Prize, honouring her life's work, briefly alluded to her health Wednesday night at a sold-out literary event in Toronto. In an on-stage conversation with fellow author Diana Athill, Munro said she's had heart bypass surgery and "just had cancer." Still, Munro said she's "been lucky with her health," unlike her mother, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease at a relatively young age and died in her late 50s. "I think some of us are much luckier than others in life," she said. "I think we are lucky now in the kind of medical intervention that keeps us going." THE CANADIAN PRESS

More Vampire Diaries
The CW has picked up nine more episodes of The Vampire Diaries, for a total of 22. Despite Melrose Place's lagging ratings, the network also announced an additional five. **TVGUIDE.COM**

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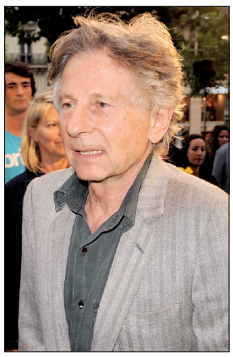
American prosecutors were closely watching Roman Polanski, says new evidence.

U.S. was monitoring Polanski

Officials decided against filing for arrest warrant, reveal email documents

American prosecutors closely monitored Roman Polanski in Austria and considered seeking his arrest there days before the director's apprehension in Switzerland, documents obtained by The Associated Press show.

Los Angeles officials decided against filing a warrant for Polanski's arrest with the Austrian government after questioning how accommodating it would be to an extradition request. They also were concerned about the limited time available before Polanski left the country, according to emails obtained by the AP under U.S. public records request.

The email exchange Sept. 23 came three days before Polanski travelled to Switzerland and was arrested Sept. 26 at Zurich's airport. It sheds new light on how closely U.S. officials were monitoring the 76-year-old director's movements after being tipped off that he was outside France, and why they chose to go after him in Switzerland, where they are now seeking his extradition for having sex in 1977 with a 13-year-old girl.

"I don't have experience with any Austrian extraditions so I don't know how 'friendly' they would be to extradition on such a case," Diana Carbajal, a Los Angeles deputy district attorney, wrote in an email.

She wrote that Polanski had checked out of an Austrian hotel that morning and was "on the move" ahead of his scheduled appearance at the Zurich Film Festival on Sept. 26.

Polanski had been in Austria as early as Sept. 16, when he attended the opening night of his cult musical Dance of the Vampires in Vienna. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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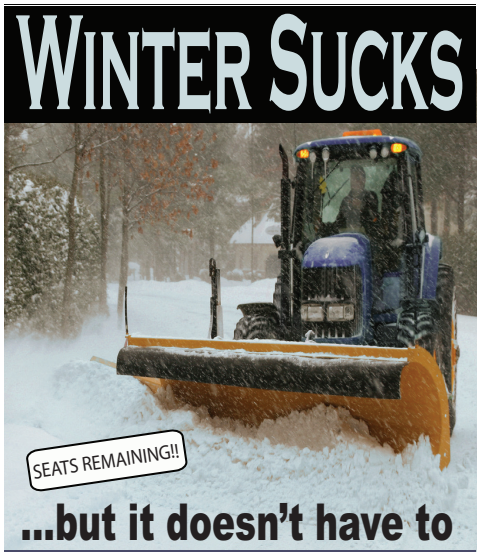

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10/23/09 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	Islands of Britain (N)		Agenda With Steve Paikin		Heartbeat "Guilty Secrets"		Allan Gregg	Tagged (N)	Agenda-Paikin
	211	331	3 GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	The Guard		Dollhouse "Belonging"		NUMB3RS "Hydra" (N)		News Final
	209	342	6 CHRO	Degrassi: TNG	TMZ (N)	Law & Order "Dignity"		Law & Order: SVU		Comedy Now (DVS)		Comedy Now
	196	311	7 CTV	etalk	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Medium "Baby Fever"		Flashpoint (N)		CTV News
	208	303	8 CBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Ron James	Rick Mercer	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour (N)
	-	360	9 NBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Law & Order "Dignity"		Dateline NBC (N)		The Jay Leno Show (N)		News
	-	362	13 CBS	The Insider	Judge-Brown	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Medium "Baby Fever"		NUMB3RS "Hydra" (N)		Two/Half Men
	216	395	14 OMN2	Family Guy	The Office	Omni News: S. Asian Edition		News: Cantonese Edition		Two/Half Men	King	Cold Case
	214	344	15 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Supernanny (N)		Ugly Betty (HDTV) (N)		The Jay Leno Show (N)		News
	218	345	18 CHCH	*Caddyshack* ★★ (1980, Comedy) Chevy Chase.				*New Jack City* ★★★ (1991, Crime Drama) Wesley Snipes.				News at 11
	-	361	20 ABC	Action News	Entertainment	Supernanny (N)		Ugly Betty (HDTV) (N)		20/20 (HDTV) (N)		News
	-	365	36 FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	Brothers	'Til Death (N)	Dollhouse "Belonging"		FOX 2 News (N)		News
cable variety	500	500	33 CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	406	417	27 net	UFC: Access	MLB Preview	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Los Angeles Dodgers. (HDTV) (Live)						
	126	730	28 RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Les Grands reportages		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI économie	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30 TSN	CFL Football Hamilton Tiger-Cats at Toronto Argonauts. (HDTV) (Live)						CFL Football: Eskimos at Stampeders		
family	554	544	48 TEL	Batman: Brave	Wolverine	Justice	Star Wars	Futurama	King of Hill	*X-Men* ★★★ (2000, Action)		
	557	540	51 FAM	Sonny Chance	*Don't Look Under the Bed* (1999)			(9:02) *Beetlejuice* (1988, Comedy)			(10:34) *Batman Forever*	
	551	542	65 YTV	*The Addams Family* ★★ (1991, Comedy), Raul Julia				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	That's-Weird	Sorry	Adrenaline
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	628	584	32 SPKE	*The Hills Have Eyes* ★★ (2006, Horror) Aaron Stanford, Kathleen Quinlan.						Ultimate Fighting Championship 95: Sanchez vs. Stevenson		
	616	521	39 SHO	The Outer Limits		Howie Do It	Howie Do It	Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Found.
	520	505	42 DIS	Daily Planet (N)		Junk Raiders		Man vs. Wild "Arctic Circle"		Machines of Malice		Daily Planet
	581	566	53 MTV	Over the Bolts	Peak Season	Peak Season	After	The City	After	The Hills	Peak Season	Peak Season
	522	506	55 HIS	Battles BC		Cold Blood (N)		History's Secrets		Cities of the Underworld		Go Deep
	603	561	95 FN	Ricardo	Eat, Shrink	HEAT	HEAT	Bobby Flay	Chef Abroad	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay

SATURDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
10/24/09 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	Darwin's Lost Voyage		*The China Syndrome* ★★★ (1979, Suspense) (DVS)				Interviews (N)	*The Host* (2006, Horror)	
	211	331	3 GTV	renegade	Jane Show	Project Runway Canada		*How I Married My High School Crush* (2007, Romance)				News Final (N)
	209	342	6 CHRO	The Road to Avonlea		*White Noise* ★ (2005, Suspense), Chandra West (DVS)				Whistler (DVS)		Bravo! Fact
	196	311	7 CTV	W5 ATV safety. (N)		Three Rivers (HDTV)		Criminal Minds		Law & Order: SVU		CTV News
	208	303	8 CBC	NHL Hockey Boston Bruins at Ottawa Senators. (HDTV) (Live)						NHL Hockey: Oilers at Flames		
	-	360	9 NBC	Bring Wall St	Wheel-Fortune	Mercy (HDTV)		Trauma "Stuck" (HDTV)		Law & Order: SVU		News
	-	362	13 CBS	Missing	The Insider	Three Rivers (HDTV)		48 Hours Mystery		48 Hours Mystery (N)		CSI: NY
	216	395	14 OMN2	Most Amazing	Trendy Zone	Once Upon a Time in Toronto		Once Upon a Time in Toronto		Buffalo Spirit	Buffalo Spirit	Most Amazing
	214	344	15 CITY	My RONA Home (HDTV)		Glenn Martin	Out There	*Chaos and Desire* ★★★ (2002, Drama), Julie Gayet				News
	218	345	18 CHCH	*Kart Racer* ★★ (2003, Drama) Randy Quaid, Will Rothhaar.				*The Last Warrior* ★★ (2000, Action) Dolph Lundgren.				News at 11
	-	361	20 ABC	Action News (Saturday)		College Football Regional Coverage. (HDTV) Oregon State at USC or Texas at Missouri. (Live)						
	-	365	36 FOX	Bernie Mac	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	Cops (N)	America's Most Wanted		FOX2 News at 10:00pm (N)		Talkshow
cable variety	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		CNN Presents "Latino in America"				Newsroom		CNN Presents
sports	406	417	27 net	MLB Baseball	Sportsnet	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Los Angeles Dodgers. (HDTV) (Live)						
	126	730	28 RDI	Journal	La Soif	Découverte (HDTV) (SC)		Le Téléjournal	Les Grands reportages		La Facture	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30 TSN	CFL Football: Lions at Roughriders			SportsCentre	2009 World Series of Poker		SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		
family	554	544	48 TEL	*Beetlejuice* ★★★ (1988, Comedy) Michael Keaton.				Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Venture Bros.	Moral Orel (N)
	557	540	51 FAM	*Tinker Bell* ★★ (2008, Fantasy), Lucy Liu			Han. Montana	*The Witches* ★★★ (1990, Fantasy)			(10:31) *Superman II* (1980)	
	551	542	65 YTV	Charlie Brown	Garfield	Funniest Home Videos		Smallville "Identity"		Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	628	584	32 SPKE	UFC Unleashed (HDTV)		UFC Countdwn: Machida		UFC 104: Preliminaries		*Resident Evil* ★ (2002, Horror), Eric Mabius		
	616	521	39 SHO	The Guard "Wake"		*Lethal Obsession* (2007, Suspense) Kellie Martin.				*Disturbia* ★★ (2007, Suspense)		
	520	505	42 DIS	Cash Cab (N)	Cash Cab	Destroyed	Destroyed	Junk Raiders		American Loggers		Criss Angel
	581	566	53 MTV	Over the Bolts	Over the Bolts	Over the Bolts	Peak Season	Peak Season	After	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs
	522	506	55 HIS	Ultimate Engineering		Cities of the Underworld		*The Hunted* ★★ (2003, Action) Tommy Lee Jones.				Zero Hour
	603	561	95 FN	Glutton	Chef Abroad	Challenge Gingerbread.		Chopped		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Hell's Kitchen

SUNDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
10/25/09 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	Expedition: Guyana		he Choir "Unsung Town" (N)		*Poppy Shakespeare* (2008, Drama)			The View From Here	
	211	331	3 GTV	Prod. Parker	King of Hill	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad	(10:01) Brothers & Sisters		News
	209	342	6 CHRO	America's Next Top Model		*Alien vs. Predator* ★★ (2004, Science Fiction)				Spectacle: Elvis		In Fashion
	196	311	7 CTV	Desperate Housewives		The Amazing Race 15		So You Think You Can Dance Canada (N)				CTV News
	208	303	8 CBC	Heartland (N) (DVS)		Battle of the Blades (N)		The Nature of Things		CBC News: The National (N)		fifth estate
	-	360	9 NBC	Football Night in America		(8:15) NFL Football Arizona Cardinals at New York Giants. (HDTV) (Live)						
	-	362	13 CBS	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)		The Amazing Race 15		Three Rivers (HDTV) (N)		Cold Case "Soul" (N)		CSI: Miami
	216	395	14 OMN2	Without a Trace		Without a Trace		Over the Bolts	Most Amazing	Aaram	Arirang Korea	Of Blessings
	214	344	15 CITY	CityNews	Glenn Martin	Extreme Makeover: Home		My RONA Home		Conviction Kitchen		News
	218	345	18 CHCH	*Throw Momma From the Train* ★★★ (1987, Comedy)				*Psycho* ★★ (1998, Suspense) Vince Vaughn, Anne Heche.				News at 11
	-	361	20 ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		(10:01) Brothers & Sisters		News
	-	365	36 FOX	NFL Football	The OT	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim at New York Yankees. (HDTV) (Live)						News
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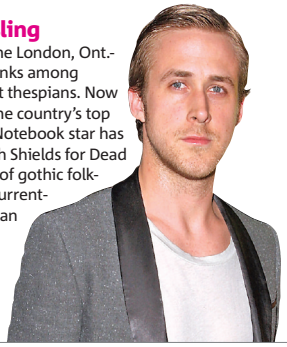
	126	730	28 RDI	Journal	Tout	Une heure sur Terre (SC)		Le Téléjournal	Les Coulisses du pouvoir		Regard	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30 TSN	Football Night in America		(8:15) NFL Football Arizona Cardinals at New York Giants. (HDTV) (Live)						
family	554	544	48 TEL	Bugs Bunny	6teen: Dude of the		Majority Rules	Futurama	King of Hill	Bromwell High	Life's a Zoo	John Callahan
	557	540	51 FAM	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	*Gremlins* ★★★ (1984, Fantasy) Zach Galligan, Hoyt Axton.				*My Favorite*
	551	542	65 YTV	(6) *The Wizard of Oz* (1939, Fantasy)			H2O, Just Add	In Real Life		Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	628	584	32 SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI
	616	521	39 SHO	ReGenesis "Blackout"		*Second Sight* (2007, Drama) Lexa Doig, Ty Olsson.				Weeds	Found.	Kenny-Spenny
	520	505	42 DIS	Canada's Worst Driver		Changed Flying		Changed Flying		MythBusters		A. Bourdain
	581	566	53 MTV	Peak Season	After	Cribs	Cribs	Nitro Circus	Over the Bolts	Over the Bolts	Fantasy Fact.	1 girl 5 gays
	522	506	55 HIS	Ice Road Truckers		Cities of the Underworld		*From Hell* ★★ (2001, Suspense) Johnny Depp, Ian Holm.				
	603	561	95 FN	Challenge		Get on Plate	Food	Iron Chef America		Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant

Smallville actor arrested

Smallville actor Sam Jones III was arrested Wednesday on federal drug charges according to TV Guide. He was charged with conspiring and planning to deal about 10,000 tablets of oxycodone. TVGUIDE.COM

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Ryan Gosling



CELEBRITY The London, Ont.-born actor ranks among Canada's best thespians. Now he wants to be one of the country's top musicians as well. The Notebook star has hooked up with pal Zach Shields for Dead Man's Bones, an album of gothic folk-rock tunes. The duo is currently playing North American dates.

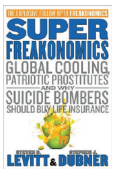
2 Astro Boy

FILM Yes, the father of all anime is a little crime-fighting kid robot. And, starting today, he'll be at a theatre near you. Based on Osamu Tezuka's original 1952 series, the Hollywood 3-D version features Freddie Highmore (of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory fame) as the voice of the titular character.

3 There Is No Enemy: Built to Spill

MUSIC This Boise, Idaho-based band hit their stride in the '90s but their latest album ranks with their best efforts. Ringleader Doug Martsch's template — gorgeous guitar work over equally beautiful melodies — may be tried and tested, but the end result is some of the most heart-wrenching sounds you'll hear this year. Album highlights: Good 'Ol Boredom and Hindsight.

4 SuperFreakonomics



BOOK Some neat questions: What does a hooker and a department store Santa Claus have in common? Can eating kangaroo meat save the planet? Economist Steven Levitt and journalist Stephen Dubner have the answers in the "freaquel" to their bestseller Freakonomics.

5 App of the Day

TECH Let's face it — there's plenty of junk in the App Store. That's where this neat little software comes in. App of the Day highlights a different application every day for iPhone or iPod Touch users to discover high quality products in the App Store. Best of all, it's not just some tech geek's word above all. The featured applications are chosen through a careful nomination process driven by users.

6 A Day At The Office

VIDEO Tough economic times equals less spare time at work? Wrong. If the employees on this viral video are to be believed, no deadline is bigger than lip-synching to the Backstreet Boys' I Want It That Way and recording the results on your office desktop. Where's a supervisor when you need one? Watch the video at youtube.com/watch?v=XWhUeAy35qc.

7 Dead Snow

DVD It's been a good year for camp horror. Sam Raimi vowed with Drag Me To Hell. And now comes this Norwegian gore fest with creatures everyone will love to hate — Nazi zombies. The plot's no killer — some medical students go to a cabin ... you know how it goes.

Mix of Six

A night of frightful fun at SAW Video

When: Friday, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Where: Club SAW, 67 Nicholas St.

Strange things have been happening in the basement of the Arts Court building … things like sightings of mummies and skeletons and a room full of severed limbs and bloody heads.

The Curious Case of the Burnt Corpse

When: Fri. and Sat., 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Where: Billings Estate National Historic Site

In this humorous murder mystery, it's April 27, 1900, the day after a fire destroyed most of Hull and parts of Ottawa and left 14,000 people homeless.

The Science of Felting

When: Now through Sunday
Where: Agriculture Museum

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Drawings, Paintings

When: Saturday, 2 p.m.
Where: National Gallery of Canada

Bonnie Devine, curator of the exhibition The Drawings and Paintings of Daphne Odjig: A Retrospective Exhibition, will tour the artworks in the show and comment on the different themes.

Giveaway Weekend

When: Saturday and Sunday
Where: Front lawns across Ottawa

One person's trash is another person's treasure. Discover hidden treasures during Fall Giveaway Weekend. Discover goods on neighbours' curbs.

Rattle Me Bones

When: Sunday, 8:55 a.m.
Where: Ottawa Hospital, General Campus

The event, which includes the 10K Wishbone, 5K Funnybone or 1K Jigglebone races, all in costume, is a fundraiser for the Ottawa Hospital Foundation.

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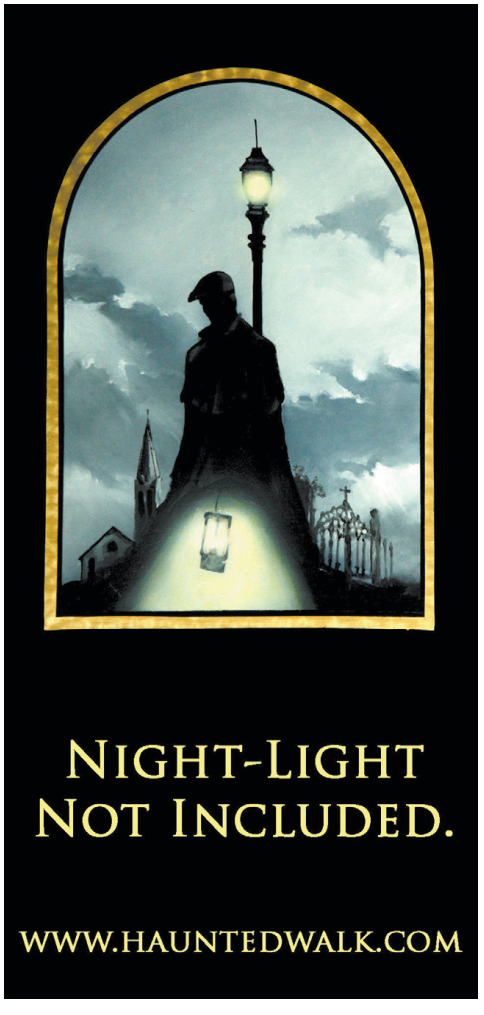

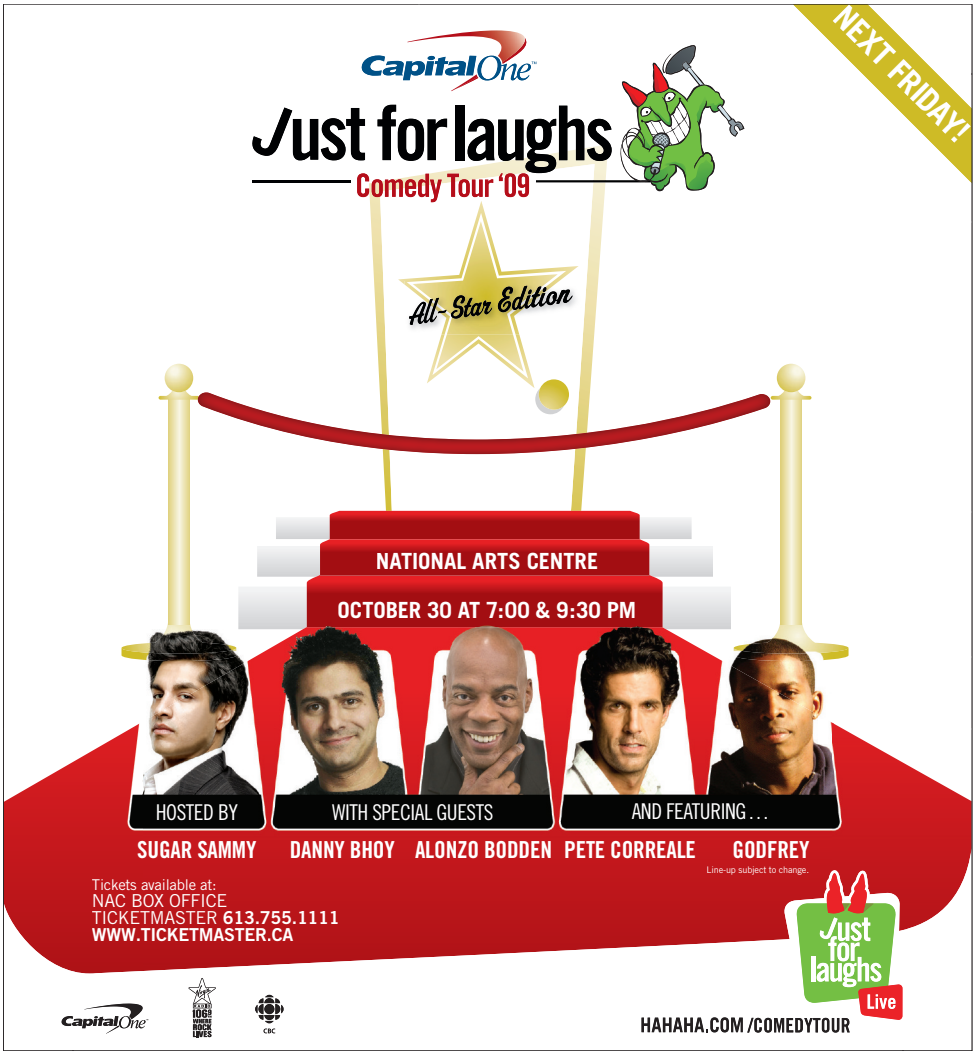

New Album, The Sea
Corinne Bailey Rae is set to sail on a new journey in her career with the release of her new album The Sea on Feb. 2. The singer, 30, whose husband Jason was found dead in March 2008, has spoken of how she has channelled her grief into the CD. **PEOPLE.COM**

Entertainment

Stone does it her way

When Joss Stone has a musical itch, she has to scratch, even if it means getting into trouble with her label.

The powerhouse British soul singer says her new album, Colour Me Free, came out Tuesday after months of delays because her U.S. label, EMI, was upset that she had recorded the tracks on a whim without telling them.

"Oh God, that wasn't very good," Stone said in a recent phone interview. "They didn't love that too much."

It was about two years ago, after the release of her self-titled third album, that the 22-year-old Grammy and Brit Award winner got the urge to hit the studio and jam again.

"I just woke up and was like: 'Man, I really want to make an album,'" said Stone, who has performed on stage with scores of legends including James Brown and Donna Summer.

"It was just a really nice day and I was feeling really energized and it was just cool and my (musician) friends were down, because we were writing.

"I thought: 'Hey, you guys are here, let's do it. Let's make the music.'"

And so they did, using a Wellington, England night club that was owned by her mother at the time as their studio, where they recorded live off the floor in about a week.

Problem was, EMI didn't know about it and when Stone told them, "The initial reaction was: 'Hang on a minute, you're supposed to ask us for approval on every single section of everything that you do, are you crazy?'" she recalled.

"So I said: 'Oh, whoops, so sorry, my bad,' and it really was. I didn't ask for approval, I didn't tell them I was making the album.

The idea of someone trying to control her art was a "horrible feeling and makes you not want to do it at all," admitted Stone, whose vocals often draw comparisons to Aretha Franklin. "But then from a business side of things, I kind of get it," she said. "They feel like that's their property and they want to control how the property looks and how it works."

In the end, the two sides worked things out and the tunes weren't changed. With the label woes behind her, Stone has a positive outlook on the situation, saying she likes to "scare" herself into getting things done.

"It actually helps me," she said. "I feel the need to do it with a massive amount of pressure and unless I have that pressure, I don't bother."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

10 million sold

- Since her debut album was released in 2003, Joss Stone has sold almost 10 million albums worldwide.

SOURCE: JOSS STONE ONLINE

Soul singer Joss Stone says she needs to feel a "massive amount of pressure" in order to get things done.

In brief

COURTS Lil Wayne, who owned last year's best-selling album and is currently No. 1 on the U.S. pop charts, pleaded guilty to attempted weapon possession Thursday and expects to receive a one-year jail sentence. The performer, arguably rap's most popular artist and one of pop's biggest acts, previously had pleaded not guilty to illegal gun possession charges that carried at least 3 1/2 years in jail upon conviction. He remains free on bail while awaiting his February sentencing.

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First pick a winner

Melissa Rycroft can cross one thing off her wedding "to do" list: She's picked out her wedding dress. She said it was "the very first dress I saw, the very first dress I tried on, and I love it," usmagazine.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Dad didn't buy boobs

AMY PAYS FOR HER OWN BODY PARTS Mitch Winehouse says daughter Amy Winehouse is doing well — or at least parts of her are.

When asked by ITV's This Morning how his famously troubled daughter is holding up, Mitch said, "Fantastic, fantastic. Her boobs are great as well."

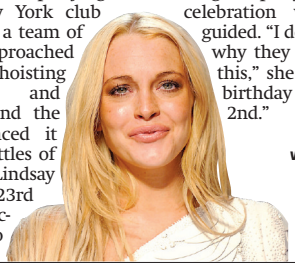
Winehouse reportedly spent $56,000 US on a breast augmentation surgery though her dad doesn't know where she got the money.

"I didn't have to pay for it, that's all I know," he said. "Whenever I see her, she says, 'Dad can you give me a couple of hundred.' (But) I didn't have to pay for the boobs."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Lindsay's belated bottles

NEVER TOO LATE TO CELEBRATE Lindsay Lohan got quite a surprise while partying it up at New York club 10ak when a team of waiters approached her table hoisting champagne and sparklers and the DJ announced it was "23 bottles of Cristal for Lindsay Lohan's 23rd birthday," according to Page Six.



Not that Lohan doesn't love a good party, but the celebration was misguided. "I don't know why they are doing this," she said. "My birthday is July 2nd."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Mistrial plot thickens

COURTS The Bahamas lawmaker who caused a mistrial in the John Travolta extortion case has been ordered to appear before the judge to explain why he announced an acquittal before the jury had declared a verdict, officials said yesterday.

Picewell Forbes was summoned to explain his remarks in a televised speech to a political party that prompted the judge to dismiss jurors after a month of testimony, two court officials told The Associated Press. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the issue. Judge Anita Allen said she had no choice but to order a new trial because Forbes' remarks Wednesday night gave the appearance that information had been leaked from the jury room.

Travolta flew to the Bahamas to take the stand twice against former Bahamian Sen. Pleasant Bridgewater and a paramedic accused of trying to extort $25 million from him following his autistic son's death at the family home in Grand Bahama last January.

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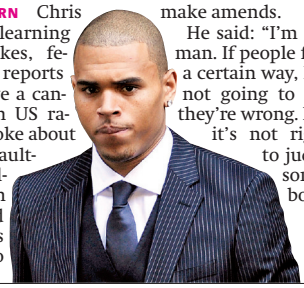
Brown admits he regrets 'every moment'

A LOT TO LEARN Chris Brown is still learning from his mistakes, femalefirst.co.uk reports.



The singer gave a candid interview on US radio, where he spoke about his regret at assaulting former girlfriend Rihanna in February, and told how he is trying his best to make amends.

He said: "I'm human. If people feel a certain way, I'm not going to say they're wrong. But it's not right to judge somebody when people make mistakes all the time.

"I've learned from my mistakes and I'm learning from them. And I regret every moment, every second of it."

Brown, 20, also admitted he is still not over Rihanna, and still has strong feelings for her.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity tweets

Lance Armstrong has a tough time with his anti-doping blood test, something something, Nicole Richie leads a pretty exciting life, and Kirstie Alley has a plan to make herself more interesting.

• @lancearmstrong
Glad to see USADA brought the rank amateurs to do the blood draw. Arms look like a junkie now and they didn't get their sample. Lame.

• @nicolerichie
Going to spend my evening watching Melrose Place. Who's with me?

• @kirstiealley
I am boring myself to death.

It must be hell for all of you. I'm going to go slug myself in the liver until I'm more interesting..later..

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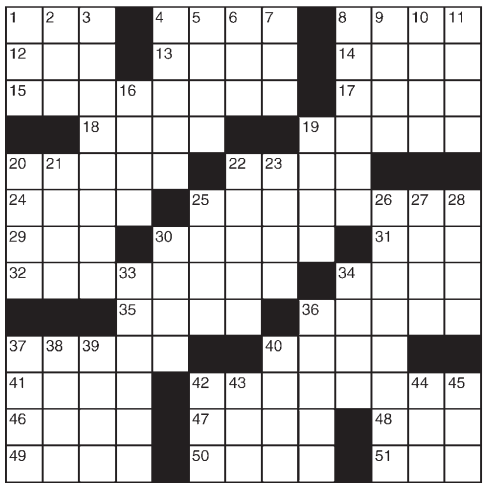

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	9		2		8		4	
4			5		1			8
	6			7			5	
		6				9		
5	3						7	1
		8				4		
	8			2			1	
1			4		3			6
	7		8		6		2	

ACROSS

1 Curved line
4 Sheltered
8 Use as an example
12 "Phooey!"
13 Folder's locale
14 Hebrew month
15 Workers' jargon
17 "West Side Story" gang
18 Loading site
19 Friars Club event
20 Shocking weapon
22 False god
24 Responsibility
25 Accelerator
29 Inseparable
30 Suggest as a theory
31 Bat stat
32 Company's promotional souvenir, often
34 Versifier
35 Smacks
36 Profundity
37 Wild
40 High point
41 Racetrack shape
42 Curbside octagon
46 Krupa or Simmons
47 Woody's son
48 One of the brass (Abbr.)
49 Fit of peevishness
50 Beer ingredient
51 Trivia whiz Jennings

DOWN

1 Tummy muscles
2 "Go team!"
3 Chinese entree
4 Following
5 Storyteller
6 Building wing
7 "A mouse!"
8 Wheedle
9 Thought
10 Body artworks, for short
11 Once, old-style
16 Slapstick arsenal
19 Engrossed
20 Snatched
21 Actress Hathaway
22 Foundation
23 A — apple
25 Capricorn
26 Gridiron ploy
27 Help a hood
28 Rock (Suff.)
30 Dr. McGraw
33 Home in the Alps
34 Carrots' mates
36 Station
37 Clouds (up)
38 Squared
39 Hindu princess
40 Survey
42 Muppet eagle
43 La-la lead-in
44 "Gosh!"
45 — compos mentis

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

S	H	O	P		B	A	G		S	I	G	H		
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E	A	S	Y		N	O	R		R	A	C	K		

2	6	3	5	8	7	1	4	9
7	9	1	2	6	4	3	8	5
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1	2	8	4	9	3	5	6	7
3	7	6	1	2	5	4	9	8
5	4	9	6	7	8	2	1	3
6	8	5	7	1	2	9	3	4
4	3	2	8	5	9	6	7	1
9	1	7	3	4	6	8	5	2

On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Garlic Lime Chicken

INGREDIENTS:

1/2 cup (125 ml) lime juice
1/4 cup (50 ml) cider vinegar
6 garlic cloves, minced
2 tbsp (25 ml) minced fresh oregano or 2 tsp (10 ml) dried oregano
1 tbsp (15 ml) dried coriander
2 tsp (10 ml) pepper
1 tsp (5 l) salt
1 tsp (5 l) paprika
8 bone-in chicken breast halves
1/4 cup (50 ml) canola oil

METHOD:

1. In large resealable plastic bag, combine lime juice, vinegar, garlic and seasonings; add chicken. Seal bag and turn to coat; refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight.
2. Discard marinade. In skillet, brown chicken on all sides in oil. Transfer to greased 15-in. x 10-in. x 1-in. (38 cm x 25.5 cm x 2.5 cm) baking pan. Bake, uncovered, at 375 F (190 C) 30-35 minutes or until meat thermometer reads 170 F (77 C) and juices run clear.

SERVES 8

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton sallybrompton.com

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
This is a time of personal and professional challenges and what you decide over the next few days will have consequences.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
With the Sun about to enter your opposite sign of Scorpio, a certain amount of resistance is to be expected in the weeks ahead.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Find ways to make life easier for yourself. If you don't you could come under increasing pressure over the next few days as your workload increases.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
The Sun moves into the most dynamic area of your chart today, making this one of the best times of the year to stretch yourself creatively.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You need to be more sensitive to loved ones' wishes. Try to understand why they think and feel and act the way they do.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
The pace of life is about to move up a gear. No doubt you are raring to get started on all those big ideas but pace yourself.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The Sun moves into the area of your chart today that governs what you own. You need to think about consolidating what you have gained.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
The Sun moves into your birth sign today and a busy new solar year begins. Don't worry if your energy levels are a bit low at the moment.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You are not always as confident as you look and there are reasons to believe you have come close to cracking of late, but you are still in there fighting.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
If you need help of any kind today just ask those around you. What you do with other people will go a lot better than what you do on your own.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Cosmic activity in and around the career area of your chart will do your reputation a power of good over the next few days.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Your number one objective now must be to maintain the highest standards of behavior, both in your personal life and in your work.

This day in history

42 BC: Roman Republican civil wars: Second Battle of Philippi – Brutus's army is decisively defeated by Mark Antony and Octavian. Brutus commits suicide.
1694: American colonial forces, led by Sir William Phipps, fail to seize Quebec.
1850: The first National Women's Rights Convention is begun in Worcester, Massachusetts.
1867: Seventy-two Senators are summoned by Royal Proclamation to serve as the first members of the Canadian Senate.
1915: In New York City, up to 33,000 women march on Fifth Avenue to advocate their right to vote.

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2006 MAZDA5
- load
- a/c
- St:27532
- 61023 km

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$143** BI-WEEKLY

2008 JETTA 2.5
- load • a/c
- auto
- St:28361
- 67739 km

$17,380

$148*** BI-WEEKLY

2006 OUTBACK
- AWD • load
- a/c • auto
- St:28005
- 54057 km

$19,950

$190** BI-WEEKLY

2007 PRIUS HYBRID
- load • a/c
- auto
- St:28376
- 79869 km

$20,780

$177*** BI-WEEKLY

2006 EQUINOX LS
- AWD • load
- a/c
- St:27766
- 78063 km

$14,250

$136** BI-WEEKLY

2005 CADILLAC CTS
- load • a/c
- lthr
- St:28515
- 86077 km

$16,750

$183** BI-WEEKLY

2009 TRAVERSE AWD
- 8 Passengers
- load • a/c
- St:28313
- 28899 km

$34,850

$289*** BI-WEEKLY

2006 ESCAPE XLT
- 4WD • load
- a/c • roof • auto
- St:28412
- 58337 km

$16,470

$157** BI-WEEKLY

2006 TRIBUTE
- 4WD • load
- a/c
- St:27441
- 91358 km

$12,670

$121** BI-WEEKLY

2008 COBALT LS
- a/c
- auto
- St:28517
- 55790 km

$10,850

$92*** BI-WEEKLY

2009 COROLLA CE
- load
- a/c
- St:27775
- 38104 km

$15,850

$135*** BI-WEEKLY

2006 HONDA CR-V
- 4WD • load
- a/c • auto
- St:28507
- 95733 km

$17,650

$168** BI-WEEKLY

2007 TOUAREG
- AWD • load • a/c
- roof • lthr • auto
- St:28342
- 50423 km

$33,860

$281*** BI-WEEKLY

2006 TRIBECA B9
- AWD • load
- a/c • roof • auto
- St:28282
- 65425 km

$23,650

$225** BI-WEEKLY

2009 SPORTAGE LX
- 4WD • load
- a/c
- St:28315
- 46870 km

$20,860

$178*** BI-WEEKLY

2008 SANTA FE GLS
- 4WD • load
- a/c • auto
- St:28374
- 61951 km

$20,950

$178*** BI-WEEKLY

2007 EXPLORER XLT
- 4WD • load
- a/c
- St:27995-A
- 82587 km

$17,850

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- St:26930
- 57850 km

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- 4WD • load
- a/c
- St:28182
- 59107 km

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2006 NISSAN X-TRAIL SE
- 4WD • load
- a/c • roof
- St:28151
- 94234 km

$14,870

$138** BI-WEEKLY

2009 TOYOTA RAV4
- 4WD • load
- a/c • auto
- St:27910
- 29956 km

$26,950

$223*** BI-WEEKLY

2006 SATURN ION
- load • a/c
- auto
- St:28580
- 56099 km

$8,850

$84** BI-WEEKLY

2005 LANCER ES
- roof
- auto
- St:28475
- 80082 km

$7,480

$82* BI-WEEKLY

2005 VIBE
- a/c
- St:28271
- 82608 km

$9,960

$109* BI-WEEKLY

2009 SIENNA LE
- load
- a/c
- St:28371
- 36415 km

$27,880

$231*** BI-WEEKLY

2006 FORD F-150 XLT TRITON
- 4x4 • load
- a/c • SCAB
- St:28611
- 95795 km

$19,650

$190** BI-WEEKLY

2008 CHRYSLER 300
- load
- a/c
- St:28362
- 60669 km

$17,890

$152*** BI-WEEKLY

2006 PURSUIT COUPE
- load • a/c
- auto
- St:27376
- 61791 km

$9,970

$95** BI-WEEKLY

2005 SPECTRA LX
- load • a/c
- auto
- St:28445
- 60811 km

$7,850

$86* BI-WEEKLY

2007 CALIBER
- std
- St:28471
- 61230 km

$9,450

$80*** BI-WEEKLY

2009 ACCENT
- load • a/c
- auto
- St:28617
- 34054 km

$12,450

$106*** BI-WEEKLY

2007 FORD RANGER SPORT
- 4x4 • load
- a/c • auto
- St:28509
- 77946 km

$15,850

$135*** BI-WEEKLY

2007 XTERRA
- load
- a/c
- St:28383
- 61835 km

$23,850

$203** BI-WEEKLY

2005 JIMMY
- 4WD
- a/c
- St:28436
- 84108 km

$9,650

$106* BI-WEEKLY

2005 UPLANDER
- load
- a/c
- St:28653
- 85278 km

$8,850

$97* BI-WEEKLY

2008 SWIFT
- a/c
- auto
- St:28528
- 58084 km

$9,850

$84*** BI-WEEKLY

2006 BMW X3 I
- AWD • loaded
- roof • lthr • auto
- St:28300
- 56140 km

$33,850

$315** BI-WEEKLY

2008 FORESTER X
- AWD • load
- a/c
- St:28337
- 34958 km

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$186*** BI-WEEKLY

2008 HUMMER H3
- 4WD • load
- a/c • roof
- St:27217
- 9540 km

$32,850

$272*** BI-WEEKLY

2005 MALIBU MAXX LT
- load • a/c
- roof • auto
- St:28290
- 100171 km

$8,950

$98* BI-WEEKLY

2005 ECHO
- a/c
- St:28551
- 92843 km

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